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OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The King's Speech.

REPARATIONS AND SANCTIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 13. The King's speech on the opening of Parliament, referring to the Ruhr, says the Government, while feeling unable to concur or participate in the operation, is acting in such a way as not to add to the difficulties of the Allies.

It greatly regrets that, despite the conciliatoriness of the Allies and the immense concessions they are prepared to make, the Turkish delegation at Lausanne has declined the treaty when on the verge of affixing their signatures. It hopes the Turkish Government, when it has received the full report of the proceedings, may still be disposed to accept the treaty, and the opportunity so earnestly and laboriously prepared of rebuilding peace in the East and that the stability of the future Turkish state may not be sacrificed.

It welcomes the prospective settlement of the British war debt to the United States as reflecting the determination of the British to meet their obligations.

The Ministers must continuously give their attention to the serious unemployment position. The recent increase of overseas trade gives ground for confidence in the future and hopes that the improvement will be continued. It particularly anticipates a greater development of inter-imperial trade, in co-operation with the Governments of the Empire.

Debate on Reparations

In the House of Commons debate on the address, Mr. Bonar Law said he did not know whether it would be possible for British troops to remain at Cologne. The French or German Governments could make it impossible. That would be a great misfortune and would largely mean the end of the Entente. He still hoped that something would happen to enable Britain to intervene usefully.

The Premier said he was convinced that fear of insecurity lay behind the French measures. Both the people and statesmen wanted reparations but felt they would not like to see Germany strong enough to pay them. Events had turned out exactly as Mr. Bonar Law had feared, namely France had got nothing from the Ruhr and had spent much there, while by cutting the jugular vein of German industry she had done greater harm to Germany than she was suffering herself. "Now, whatever happens, I do not see bright prospects in front of us. France has committed herself to this policy and is bound to see it through." He was of opinion that danger would come later and concluded by saying that "while British troops remain on the Rhine and we are in touch with the situation, it will be a great pity to see the Entente brought to an end, for that is what will happen if these troops are removed, and although he hoped something would happen to facilitate British intervention, he saw no ground for such action."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald declared that Europe was in a state of political and economic chaos after the impossible reparations and impossible sanctions. The Allies had drifted into a policy of imperialism and annexation.

Mr. Asquith expressed the opinion that France was imperilling the success of any reasonable effort to obtain from Germany what Germany ought to pay, and the British Government ought to urge France and Germany to allow the League of Nations to deal with the matter.

A DRAWN TEST.

Woolley's Fine Effort.

There was overnight rain, but the weather was fine to-day and ten thousand people attended. There was a good wicket. England compiled 37 for 6 and declared, Woolley being 115 not out, this being his first century of the tour. His effort was a splendid one, lasting 203 minutes, and he hit a six and eleven fours. Mann compiled 59. South Africa knocked out 247 for the loss of 4 wickets. Nourse with 63 completed his two thousand runs in Test cricket. Taylor compiled 101, with delightful play, hitting a six and eleven fives, in 219 minutes. The match was drawn.

THE PETROLEUM POSITION.

Washington, February 13. The Federal Trade Commission report on the foreign ownership of the petroleum industry in the United States finds that the Royal Dutch—Shell group owns 240,000 acres of oil lands in the United States and produces 31½ per cent. of the total output of crude petroleum; and one of the largest companies in the domestic petroleum industry says the British and Dutch Governments discriminate against American citizens by exclusive policies in the oil fields of India and the Dutch Indies. The report mentions the rapid exhaustion of American crude petroleum, and concludes by stating that Britain, having a widely distributed supply of oil storage facilities, and owning means of distribution, will have advantages in world trade against the United States, whose supply is concentrated.

MR. NEWBOLD'S RUSSIAN TOUR.

London, February 13. The Communist Member of Parliament, Mr. Newbold, has returned from Moscow. Interviewed, he said Lenin was quite well and was resting in the country, writing a book. Mr. Newbold was warmly welcomed at Moscow, and spent most of his time with the Red army, which he thought strong in morale, but much decreased in numbers. It was now only seven hundred thousand strong. He made nine speeches on the day of his arrival in Petrograd, where his reception was most enthusiastic, brass bands welcoming him at the station.

FRANCE'S NAVAL PROGRAMME.

Paris, February 13. The *Matin* states that the Minister of Marine, M. Raiberti, is completing a naval programme providing for new construction during twenty years of seven hundred thousand tons, including sixty thousand tons each of submarines and seaplane carriers. No battleships will be constructed during the first eight years, but only light craft, including six cruisers, 35 torpedo boats, and 34 submarines, at a cost of 2,400 million francs.

AMERICA TO TAKE UP RUBBER.

Washington, February 13. It is stated in the White House that President Harding will recommend Congress to appropriate funds for a thorough enquiry into the world production of rubber, also for experiments in cultivation in the United States possessions, including the Philippines.

A FIRMER HOLD.

Tense Situation in the Ruhr.

TROOPS HAVE TO DISPERSE DEMONSTRATORS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cologne, February 13. All exports from the Ruhr to unoccupied Germany have been forbidden except fats, cereals and manures. All other merchandise is subject to a ten per cent. ad valorem tax. The prohibition of exports has been enforced just in time to hold up four locomotives consigned to Russia from Krupp's. The staffs of the Kaiserhof and Handelshof Hotels at Essen have been summarily dismissed for refusing to serve the French and Belgians.

English correspondents in the Ruhr describe the air as being electrical, both sides feeling the strain. The French are nervous and the Germans very bitter. A French patrol with bayonets fixed was clearing away a crowd at Essen on Sunday night when two shots were fired. The German police shielded the crowd, walking in front of the French. After evacuating the guests at the Kaiserhof and Handelshof Hotels yesterday, the French dispersed a crowd outside, the soldiers advancing with fixed bayonets and the officers using riding-whips. A machine-gun had to be fetched to complete the clearance. Small labels are appearing on the walls and in shop windows, everywhere in the Ruhr, exhorting the population to obey only the German Government. The Germans admit the impossibility of opposing the blockade of steel products.

A message from Mayence says the intoxicated German policeman, who held up a motor-car at Gelsenkirchen, has died of his wounds. Sanctions have been taken against the authors of the attack, and a fine of a hundred million marks imposed on the town.

Belgian troops arrested two Customs officials when they occupied Wesel. The entire railway rolling stock has been removed from unoccupied Germany overnight. Several policemen have been arrested at Ermerich for failing to salute Belgian officers.

A Dutch Closure.

The Hague, February 13. The second Chamber of the States General has adopted by 56 to 26 a motion refusing permission to the Socialist, Troelstra, to question the Government on the subject of the Ruhr occupation, the president pointing out that the interests of the Netherlands were not affected.

INDIAN FRONTIER FIGHTING.

Dera Ismail Khan, February 13. The Jela Khels have released the two British flying officers they captured recently. The operations of General Maheon's two brigades have been successful, repulsing enemy attacks, but the Mahsuds do not show signs of submission.

ANOTHER OURAGE IN EGYPT.

Two British soldiers have been wounded and a Greek canteen contractor killed by a bomb thrown into a canteen tent in the Geziret-Badran quarter, where Mr. Ambler was recently fired on. The assailant escaped.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE CURIO DEALERS.

Constantinople, February 13. The White Star liner *Homeric* has arrived here with three thousand American tourists.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH IN THE RUHR.

German notes to Paris and Brussels replying to the Franco-Belgian prohibition of German ministers' entry in the Ruhr flatly declare that the Central and State Governments must refuse to accept any directions from foreign governments regarding the way in which their ministers should act.—Reuter

Paris, Feb. 12. The Belgian and French Governments have warned the population in the Ruhr that they are assuming complete exploitation of railways, leaving it at the option of the German staff either to go away or remain and work under the direction of the Allies.

The blockade began on Monday morning. No goods can be exported without special licence. Seven train loads of coal left on Sunday for France and Belgium, and nine trains yesterday.

The harbour of Ruhrort, which was blocked up by the Germans, has been completely disencumbered.—Courtesy of the French Consul.

WING WO STREET ROBBERY.

Pension for Widow of Murdered Policeman.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax) courteously forwards to some interesting information concerning the financial provision made for the dependants of the late Lance Sergeant C100 Sin Chuen, who was shot by armed robbers in Wing Wo Street on September 29th, last.

This shows that a sum of \$500 for funeral expenses and a pension of \$20 a month, under considerations similar to those of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund, has been granted to the widow by the Government. Also a sum of \$2,035 has been raised by public subscription, through the Hon. Mr. Chow Shue-

son and the Hon. Mr. Ng Hon-tsz, and a further amount of \$100 has been contributed through the Editor of the *South China Morning Post*.

The total sum thus subscribed, \$2,135, will be administered by a Committee consisting of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the two Chinese Members of the Legislative Council. A sum of \$100 has been paid to the widow, and the balance of \$2,035 of the money has been placed on fixed deposit, and as no regular payments from it appear for the time being necessary, capital and interest will be reserved against the time when it is necessary to make further provision for the children, or against emergency.

A list of subscribers to the fund raised by the Chinese Members of the Legislative Council can be seen at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

DR. SUN'S RETURN.

Won't Organise Southern Government.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.

Sun Yat-sen is proceeding to Canton in response to numerous invitations from the conflicting parties at Canton.

The length of his intended stay has not been disclosed, but it is stated that Sun Yat-sen has no intention of reorganising a Southern Government of the kind of which he formerly was the head.—*Courtesy "Daily Bulletin."*

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE."

A Delightful Performance.

Every seat was again occupied at the Theatre Royal last night, when the J.C. Williamson Company gave a delightful presentation of what has been—and still is—one of the most popular of the Gilbert and Sullivan series, "The Pirates of Penzance." The many haunting melodies, combined with the ensemble opportunities presented make this work an excellent vehicle for both individual and collective effort, and every member of the company seemed to realise this and to make the very best of the many opportunities offered.

It was a memorable night from another point of view, namely, the first appearance in Hongkong of Mr. Charles Workman. As Major-General Stanley, he was perfection personified, his snappy, pompous characterisation of the part being extremely clever, keeping the audience in roars of laughter whenever he appeared. His song "An Orphan Boy" and the subsequent patter with the Pirate King brought forth vociferous applause, and encores were given.

As Mabel, one of the General's many charming daughters, Miss Fatti Russell quickly captured the "house" with her pleasing soprano voice—a voice beautifully clear and of wide range which was heard to advantage in the lilting air "Poor Wandering One" and especially in the duet with Frederick (Mr. Charles Mettam) "Ah! Leave me Not," which provides one of the sweetest melodies in the opera.

The famous "Policemen's Chorus" and Mr. Victor Prince as the sergeant in charge, simply brought the "house" down, and "the sergeant" had to "repeat his evidence" three times before the next number was allowed to proceed. It is certainly refreshing to meet such a genuinely funny comedian in Hongkong, as Mr. Victor Prince. (We're quite proud that he was born in Hongkong.)

The "Pirate King" was, of course, not to be denied, and Mr. John Ralston made a real "bold bad pirate," although we very much doubt if pirates of old were possessed of such a splendid baritone voice as Mr. Ralston, whose interpretation of the title part was a triumph both from the vocal and histrionic point of view.

The trio "The Traitor Dies," the duet "Faithless Woman to Deceive Me," the concerted number about the weather (in which the "general" was very prominent) and the "Arms of the Law" chorus—"Ta ran ta ra"—were all repeated at the instant demand of the audience, as also was the splendidly balanced rendering of the famous chorus "All Hail."

Miss Christine Lorimer used her rich contralto voice to good effect and capably portrayed the part of Ruth. Roy Workman as "Samuel" was a distinct success, and other leading characters were ably sustained by the Misses Beryl Walkely, Grace Crotty and Isabel Brodie. To-night the old favourite "Yeoman of the Guard" will be

CHINESE LABOUR JOURNAL.

Argument on Alleged Indecent Article.

Lo Wing-kwong, the publisher of the *Hongkong Kuo Po* (Hongkong Labour Journal) was to-day summoned on remand, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, on two counts, firstly for publishing newspaper matter on the 23rd November, of an "indecent, obscene, revolting and offensive nature" and, secondly, for publishing newspaper matter of a nature calculated to excite tumult or disorder in China and to excite persons to crime in China.

Mr. Schofield, who represented the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted. Mr. C. H. Russ defended, and the hearing after the taking of formal evidence as to the publication of the articles complained of, was adjourned to enable defending solicitor to prepare his defence.

Lo Chak, clerk at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, put in a translation he had made of the article complained of as being of an indecent nature, this appearing in the *Kuo Po* on November 25th, 1922. The delay was explained by Mr. Schofield as being due to pressure of work at the Secretariat and the time taken for the careful checking of the translation. The Secretariat was a subscriber to the newspaper, all the Chinese journals in fact, and it was one of the duties of the Secretariat to scrutinize the articles contained therein. No special attention was, of course, paid to the issue in question, but the notice of the Department was drawn to the particular articles complained of only when an anonymous letter was received with the cutting, complaining of the gross indecency of the wording.

Defending solicitor put the witness through a severe cross-examination as to the meaning of the article complained of. There was a certain combination of characters which witness contended was colloquial in character and was generally understood to refer to that which had no place in classical vocabulary. To judge its meaning one had to read from the context or make-up of the whole article, and witness submitted that in this case there could be no mistake as to the translation, the set of characters complained of being commonly and colloquially understood to have an indecent meaning.

Mr. Russ proceeded to read the article in question which would appear to refer to an incident in classical literature. It was incidentally connected with a descriptive reference to the "sounding of gongs" and "serried ranks," the poetic way in which these descriptions were phrased being greatly favoured by Chinese *hommes des lettres*. As to the particular combination of characters to which objection was taken by the prosecution, Mr. Russ argued that the words had the meaning of "privileged classes" or in other words, *samarai*, and he referred his Worship's attention to Child's Anglo-Chinese dictionary in support of his view. He could not, of course, understand the mentality of the Chinese in these matters, but he believed it was unfair that only nasty meanings should be picked out of these characters instead of the many alternative meanings which a Chinese character could be understood to have.

His Worship observed that the best thing Mr. Russ could have done was not to check the translator on every character, but to prepare his alternative translation in view of the necessity of bringing in the substance of the context. For the purpose of enabling Mr. Russ to do so, his Worship adjourned the hearing, after taking formal evidence of the appearance of the article.

FOOTBALL COUPONS.

The coupon for our special Interport Football Competition will appear for the last time in our issue of to-morrow (Thursday), as there will be no issue of the *Telegraph* on Friday. All entries must reach this office not later than noon on Saturday.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

New Year "Cumshaws."

Sir,—A feeling of "peace on earth and goodwill towards men" at the annual festive season results in handing out of Christmas boxes and bonus to Europeans by their employers. When so much is said about kindness to natives, a suggestion will not be amiss to firms that have not done so badly in spite of the dull times. I refer to gratuities to Chinese in the employ of European concerns. It is well-known that some firms are generous to all their employees, irrespective of nationality. At this time money is very tight, cash being required, not for New Year celebrations but for the final settlements of the year and the imperative purchase of necessary articles, rendering a "New Year Box" particularly welcome. Commercial houses have been foremost in recognising the Chinese employee as a cog in the wheel, but professional firms are rather negligent. House servants especially, with their small pay would, I am sure, be thankful for a gift. I recall with pride my feelings on receiving my first "cumshaw" years ago from a Hong Kong which would be displeased if I published their name. One effect that it had on me was to spur me to better efforts on their behalf, ultimately redounding to my own benefit, for which I am ever grateful.

Yours etc., GOODWILL. Hongkong, Feb. 14th, 1923.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

Mackintosh and Co. have stocks of special golf shoes.—Page 8. "The Yeomen of the Guard" is being played by the J.C. Williamson Company to-night.—Page 4. The closing cruise of the season and interport regatta held under the auspices of the R.H.Y.C. take place on the 17th inst.—Page 4. A.S. Watson & Co. give hours of business during the Chinese New Year Holidays.—Page 4. For attractions at the cinemas, refer to Page 12. A "Punch Bowl Competition" for the ladies' section of the R.H.Y.C. will be held at Fanling on the 6th prox.—Page 4. The Dairy Farm time-table for the holidays is given on Page 4.

LISTEN!

The biggest enthusiasts over advertising are the ones who have done most of it.

Particulars and conditions of the letting by public auction of certain Crown Lands appear on Page 4. Consignees are notified of the arrival of the s.s. "Chicago Maru"—Page 11. The Pharmacy draw attention to their dispensing department on Page 4. It is proposed to change a ship's name.—Page 4. The s.s. "Suwa Maru" having arrived, consignees are notified as usual.—Page 4. For forthcoming auction sales turn to Page 4.

To-day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 2.13/16d. Lighting Up Time.

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111, Wing Lo St. sat.

KWANGSI NOTE CASE.

The Attorney General's
Views.

Yesterday afternoon the
Attorney General (Hon. Mr. J.
H. Kemp) made lengthy sub-
missions to the Full Court in the
Kwangsi banknote case.

The Attorney General, at the
outset of his reply, outlined the
history relating to the law of for-
gery and drew attention to the
relevant sections of the Ordinance
in connection with the case. He
pointed out that the definition of a
valuable security "includes any
writings" of any of the classes
of securities specified in the
body of the definition. It was
not suggested that the Kwangsi
note was a banknote within the
meaning of the Bank Charter Act
or the Bill of Exchange Act. He
merely described it in the in-
dictment as a document which
purported to be a note of the
Kwangsi Bank. Any arguments
directed to proving that it was not
a banknote were, therefore, entire-
ly beside the point.

The Chief Justice, then, ac-
cording to your contention it does
not matter whether the Bank is in
existence or not?

The Attorney General: It would
still, I submit, be forgery of a
banknote.

Even supposing the Kwangsi
Bank had ceased to exist, the At-
torney General said, it could not
place the prisoners in a better posi-
tion than they would be in if the
Bank existed. The fact it made the
forgery the more dangerous. If it
was a forgery to forge a note of
a Bank which was in existence,
it surely must be equally a
forgery to forge a note in the
name of a Bank which did not
now exist, although it once did.
He would even argue—he thought
quite soundly—that if a note was
forced in the name of a Bank
which had ceased to exist, then for
the purposes of the forgery, the
bank was a fictitious bank—it was
imaginary, a counterfeit. The
word fictitious did not necessarily
mean invented.

Mr. Justice Gumpert: If the
jury thought the object of making
these notes was with the view to
passing them on to someone else
for money, then it was a fraud.

The Attorney General: Yes. The
attempt to defraud need not be an
attempt to defraud the person
whose name is on the document.
Because in that case you would
never have a forgery in a fictitious
name in the name of a deceased
person, both of which are possible.

Referring to the meaning of the
word "document," the Attorney
General pointed from the Ordinance
to the fact that a document is in-
cluded within the meaning of the Ordi-
nance of the whole or any material
part thereof purports to be made by
or on behalf of or on account of a per-
son who did not make it or autho-
rize its making. In other words,
a document was capable of being
forged, however wide the term might
be, if it either in express terms or
its purport held itself out to be
made by some person who did not
make it.

Not an Exercise in Arithmetic.

The Attorney General submitted
that the Kwangsi note was intended
to be passed as currency. It
was stated to be for current use
for payment of taxes. Currency
implied, sooner or later, converti-
bility. The evidence showed that
they could at one time get silver
for these notes. Paper currency
might not be immediately converti-
ble into money for Governmental
or other reasons, but currency must
imply convertibility, otherwise
there was no meaning to it. He
considered that a promise to pay,
not necessarily on demand, must
be inferred from the document.
It was stated that one dollar was
equal to ten thousand pieces. That
was not placed on the note for the
purpose of teaching the population

DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

Leaves for Hongkong
To-morrow.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Feb. 13.
Dr. Sun Yat-sen is leaving for
Hongkong on Thursday by the S.S.
President Jefferson. In a state-
ment he says his departure this
time is due to repeated requests
from Canton to bring order out of
chaos.

CONTRABAND
AEROPLANES.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Feb. 13.
James Stevenson, the American
charged with importing six aero-
planes into Hankow contrary to
the Harding Proclamation, was
acquitted this afternoon.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

Peking, Feb. 13.—The House of
Representatives this afternoon
discussed the French portion of
the Boxer Indemnity, passing a
resolution asking the Government
for further information.—Reuter.

DISORDERS IN
TSINGTAO.

Peking, Feb. 13.—A serious
anti-Japanese disturbance is re-
ported from Tsingtao. It appears
that on 11th inst. a Chinese ex-
brigand, now a gendarme, was
accused of pocket picking at a
Japanese auction. While a Japanese
police sergeant and Chinese police
were discussing the case, thirty
ex-brigands recently enrolled in
the gendarmarie drove up in two
cars to assist their comrade.
They destroyed the furniture and
hauled several Japanese off to the
police station after severely hand-
ling them. The Japanese were
afterwards released, but four,
including the sergeant, were sent
to hospital somewhat seriously
injured. The Japanese community
is most indignant thereat, and
holding demonstrations and pro-
testing to their Consul.—Reuter.

of Kwangsi the interesting fact
that a dollar includes ten thousand
pieces.

Mr. Justice Gumpert: I cer-
tainly agree that it seems more
than some exercise in arithmetic.
Replying to the Chief Justice,
the Attorney General said he
did not go so far as to say that
the note was a banknote in the
sense that they understood it, or a
promissory note, but it was a note
for the payment of money, on
which, he submitted, the bank
would be liable.

Proceeding to comment on the
evidence at the trial, the Attorney
General said that Mr. Barker's
evidence showed that the
Kwangsi Bank had ceased to exist,
but that the Bank did exist in
another place.

Mr. Justice Gumpert: His role
of the evidence certainly showed
that the Bank had ceased to exist
altogether.

The Attorney General said that
if the Bank had closed its doors
that did not mean to say that it
had ceased to exist. Even if the
Bank had ceased to exist he still
thought the conviction must be
confirmed.

The Attorney General had not
concluded his address when the
Court rose.

KOREAN PLOTTERS.

Many Arrests.

Tokyo, Feb. 13.—The Nishi
Nichi publishes reports from Seoul
of a Korean anti Government plot.
Fourteen armed conspirators were
arrested after a sharp fight and a
list of names of sixty accomplices,
and fifty bombs, were connected.
—Reuter.

COTTON EXPORT.

Peking, Feb. 13.—The Govern-
ment has communicated to the
Cabinet the resolution of the
diplomatic body, as to prohibiting
the export of cotton.—Reuter.

COMPANY REPORT.

Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation.

The one hundred and seventh
report of the court of directors of
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation to the ordinary
yearly general meeting of share-
holders to be held at the City Hall,
Hongkong, on Saturday, 24th
February, states:

The Directors have now to sub-
mit to you a general statement of
the affairs of the Bank, and
balance sheet for the year ending
31st December, 1922.

The net profits for the year, in-
cluding \$3,331,778.59, balance
brought forward from last ac-
count, after paying all charges,
deducting interest paid and due,
and making provision for bad and
doubtful accounts and contingencies,
amount to \$16,284,182.58.

The Directors recommend the
transfer of \$1,000,000 from the
Profit and Loss account to credit of
the Silver Reserve, which will then
stand at \$21,500,000.

They also recommend writing off
Bank Premises amount the sum of
\$1,000,000.

After making these transfers,
deducting the Interim Dividend of
2 1/2 per cent, paid on 8th August
last, viz., \$180,000 at 2 1/2 per cent,
\$4,500,000, and remuneration of
\$1,685,100.00, and remuneration of
Directors, there remains a
proportion \$10,527,732.55, out of
which the Directors recommend the
payment of a Final Dividend of
Three Pounds Sterling per Share,
viz., \$180,000, and a Bonus of Two
Pounds Sterling per Share, viz.,
\$324,000, amounting in all to
\$504,000 which, at 2 1/2 per cent, the rate
of the day, will absorb \$7,177,570.09.

The Balance \$2,550,212.49 to be
carried to New Profit and Loss
Account.

The Sterling equivalents of the
Assets and Liabilities are shown at
2 1/2 per cent, the rate ruling on the last
day of the year.

Branches and Agencies: Branch
Offices of the Bank have been opened
at Cebu and Haiphong.

Directors: Mr. A. O. Lang has
been elected Chairman for the year
1923, and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard
Deputy Chairman. Mr. J. A.
Plummer and Mr. A. S. Gubbay
resigned their seats on leaving the
Colon and Mr. A. M. Bovey-Smith
was invited to join the Board.
These appointments require con-
firmation at this Meeting. Mr. W.
L. Patterson, and Mr. G. M. Dodwell,
and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard retire in
rotation, but being eligible for re-
election, offer themselves accord-
ingly.

Auditors: The Accounts have
been audited by Mr. A. R. Lowe
and Mr. E. J. Chapman, who offer
themselves for re-election.

A. O. LANG,
Chairman.

ILL-TREATING A MUI-
TSAL.

An Excessive Beating.

Ching Ming-yuet, a girl 22 years
of age, was charged on remand at
the Magistracy yesterday afternoon
with ill-treating a mui-tsai. De-
fendant is the daughter of the
proprietor of the Tai On boarding
house.

The servant girl in her evidence
alleged that she had often been ill-
treated. On the 20th. January she
received a severe beating from the
defendant, who since that date
had chastised her almost on every
day. On the 20th, after receiving
a severe chastisement from the
defendant, she made a report to the
Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and
as a result proceedings were taken.
Dr. D. J. Valentine, who examined
the complainant, found bruises on
her legs and weal marks on her
arms.

The defendant yesterday gave
evidence. She said the complain-
ant had been a mui-tsai in her
family for twelve years. Since the
death of her (the defendant's)
mother she had been in charge of
the family. The complainant
was treated as if she were her own
sister and it was not true that she
had ever been ill-treated. On the
20th, taking offence at a reprimand
which she gave her on account of
misconduct, the complainant be-
came insolent and pushed her,
knocking her down. The com-
plainant also hit her in the eye
and on the head. In retaliation
the witness seized a Chinese foot
rule and used it on the complainant.
She also pinched the complainant.
She had not beaten the girl before
the 20th.

In reply to the Magistrate the
defendant persisted in the state-
ment that she used nothing
beside a foot rule.

The Magistrate: A little foot
rule could not possibly cause
bruises on anybody?

Defendant replied that it was a
rather heavy ruler. When pressed
further for an explanation the
defendant said "I also pinched
her."

The Magistrate: You must
have pinched her heartily.

At this stage Mr. R. E. A. Web-
ster, the defendant's solicitor,
suggested that the case be adjourned
for the production of the foot
rule.

When the case was resumed an
ordinary blackwood one foot cloth
measurer was produced.

The Magistrate said he did not
accept the defendant's story that
the bruises had been caused with
a foot rule. The doctor's evidence
disproved it. He convicted the
defendant of an assault, probably
on the 20th. January. It was an
excessive beating. As the com-
plainant appeared to have been
well treated on the whole he took
a lenient view of the case and
imposed a fine of \$50.

AVIATION MISSION TO JAPAN.
A passenger by the Fushimi
Maru to London was Capt. the
Master of Sempill, heir of Lord
Sempill, who has been in charge
of the Aviation Mission to the
Japanese Navy. The mission
returned after two years of suc-
cessful work, teaching the Japa-
nese Navy the latest in aerial war-
fare and aviation generally, as
applied to military and naval
needs, and Capt. Sempill says he
found the Japanese apt pupils.
He will probably return to Japan
in about a year's time. Only
twenty-nine years of age, Capt.
Sempill is not only an intrepid
pilot, but an authority on the
theoretical side of the science of
aviation. He is accompanied by
the Hon. Mrs. Sempill, who is a
daughter of Sir John Lavery, the
famous portrait painter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong
Telegraph.)
Racetrack Facilities.

Sir.—With the advent of the
annual Races, the criticisms re-
garding the decision of the
Jockey Club in debarring non-
members from the Grand Stand,
are becoming incessant, and very
naturally sows the seeds of dis-
content and bitter feelings.

I am not Bolshevik, nor do I
wish to gain popularity with non-
members; hence, I am not
writing my name in full, but
should any member wish to
know my name let him first
of all be courteous and tell
the public how the action of his
Club can be justified.

No-one, I am sure, would say
that any stand at the Race
Course is better than the Grand
Stand. Hitherto, or for the last
three score years, since the Club's
inception, the Grand Stand has
been a Public Stand. The
Members' Stands were the Pad-
docks and adjoining stands.
Undoubtedly the Members found
that the Public had better
facilities with the Grand Stand;
hence their discontentment. But
what a discovery after 60 odd
years! Why did members not
find this out sooner?

However, it is quite logical
that members should not be de-
prived of the best part of the
buildings, but why should they
reject the public instead of allow-
ing the public inside the Grand
Stand also? Such rejection is
like having friends to a party,
with specially reserved tables for
members of your family.

The progress of the Club for
the last 60 years has depended
principally on the Public, and the
sound standing of the whole lot
of us depends on our War
Comrades—the soldiers and
sailors who drew the line before
our enemies. Now the Jockey
Club draws the restriction line
against these and the Public.

The Jockey Club invites the
ladies of the Colony to be present.
I wonder which side of the
boundary line a lady would be if
her husband should be a non-
member.

Perhaps the Jockey Club would
say that space is limited. Well,
if this is so, then let them do
away with the boundary and
charge higher admission tickets;
logically, the higher the cost of
admission, the less number of
persons and the congestion.

In conclusion, I would suggest
to the discontented non-members
that in the event of nothing good
resulting from the protests the
best course would be for all to
publicly sign up a general
"Nothing Doing" against the
Jockey Club.

Thanking you for the space
allowed me, and enclosing my
card.

Yours etc.

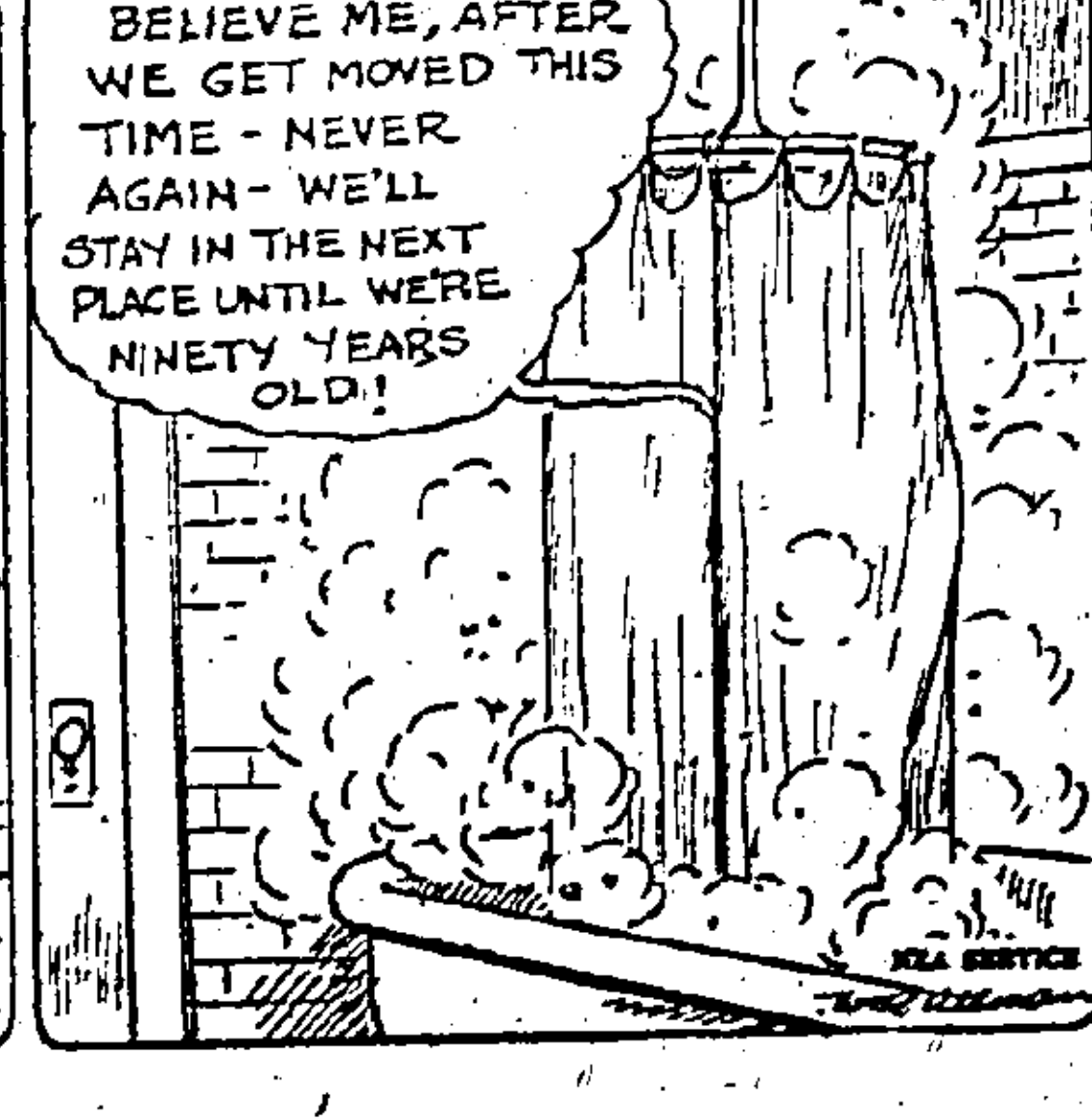
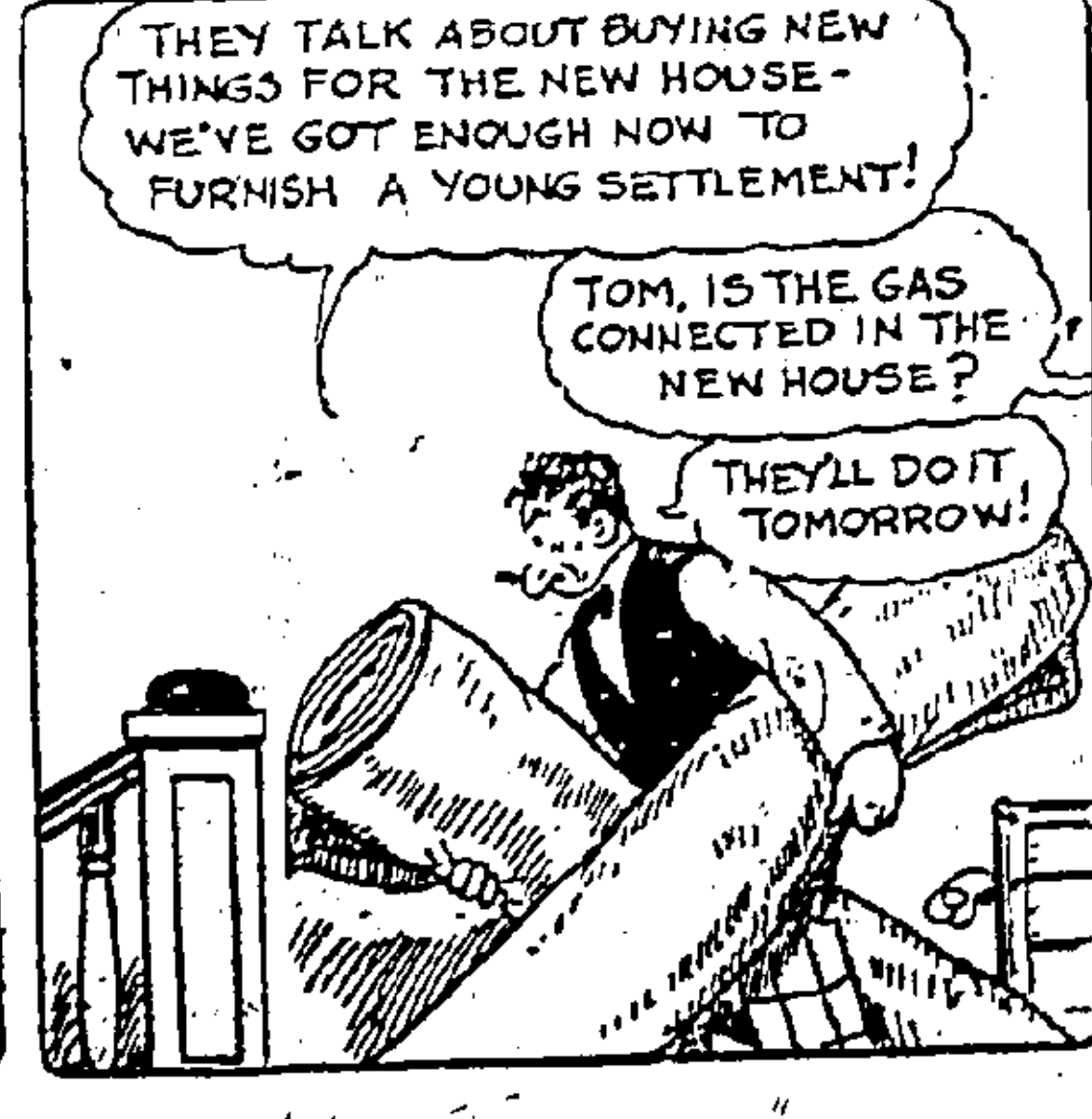
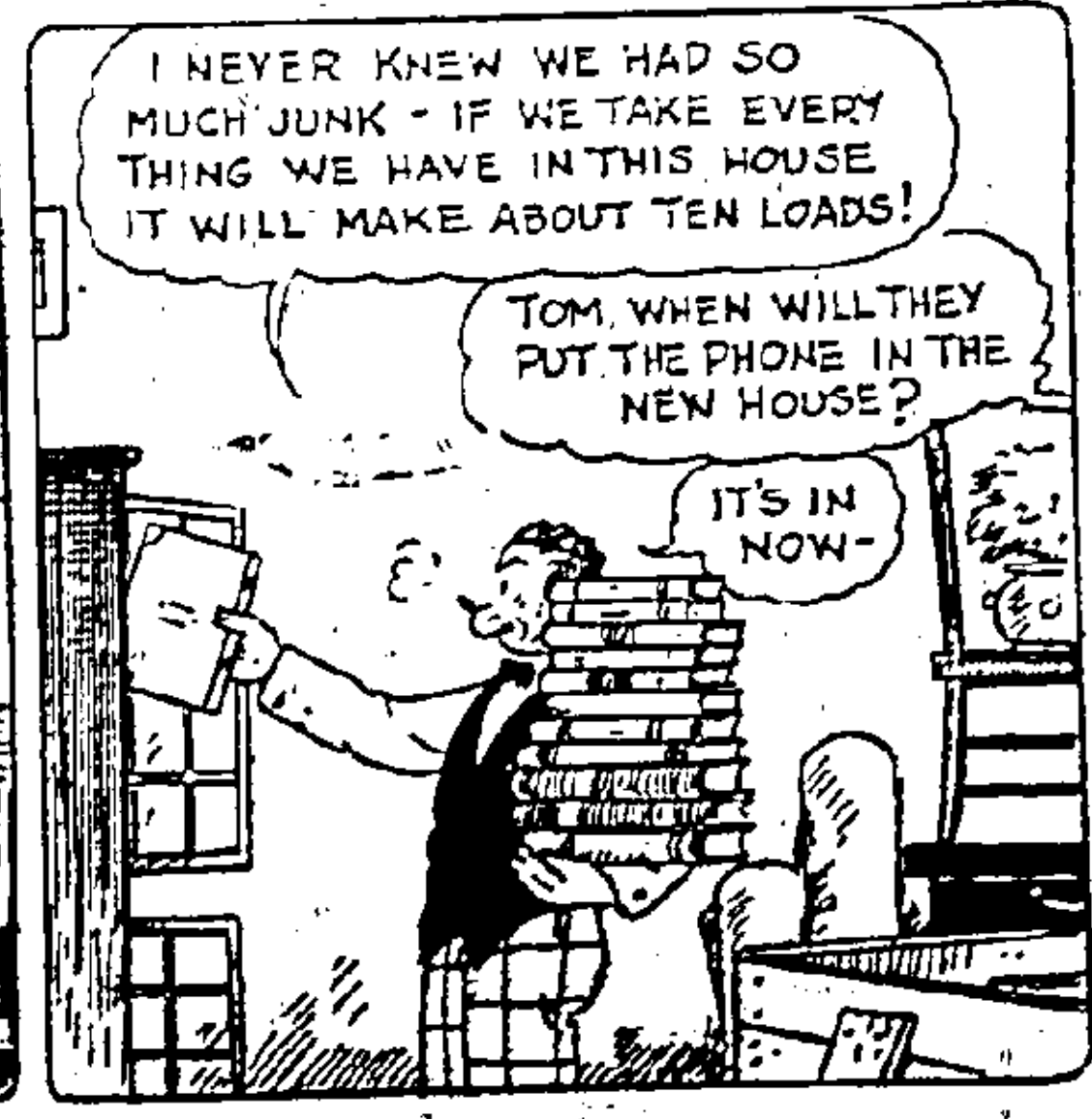
"JOJO GUTZ."

Hongkong, Feb. 13th, 1923.

"VINDICTIVE" MEMORIAL
DESIGN.

The committee recently formed
in London for the erection of a
monument at Zeebrugge to com-
memorate the exploit of the
Vindictive has approved of a
design by two Antwerp artists,
MM. Dupon and Smolderen.
The monument will be placed
at the end of Zeebrugge Mole,
close to the spot where the
Vindictive was sunk. The open-
ing ceremony will take place next
April. After the unveiling the
monument will be presented by
the Committee to the city of
Bruges, which includes Zeebrugge
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ELECTRO-FARMING.

Stimulation of Plant Growth.

When the application of electricity in agriculture is mentioned many minds immediately associate it with electro-culture, as though that were the only way in which electricity is useful to the farmer. Nevertheless the stimulative effect of weak electric currents upon plant life may be a very important one, and no doubt it will ultimately be almost universally employed, but before that stage is reached there is a very great deal still to be learned, writes Mr. R. Borlase Matthews in the *Manchester Guardian Commercial*.

Although extensive research and small and large scale experiments have been carried out almost continuously since about 1,900 by a number of investigators, and an Electro-culture Committee (formed early in 1918 by the Board of Agriculture) has co-ordinated, very little use has been made under actual commercial conditions of the results obtained. From a close consideration of the data available in this country and abroad, it is clear that the farmer may expect to increase his crop yield per acre by at least 10 percent by electrical stimulation. That this is not an unduly optimistic figure may be seen from the following increased yields obtained in large-scale trials carried out in comparison with "control plots," which received identical treatment in all respects, except that they were not subjected to the electrical discharge. Under such conditions wheat has shown increased yields of 30 percent to 50 percent, oats of 30 percent to 60 percent, and barley of 20 percent to 40 percent. Potatoes have shown an increase of two to three tons per acre, and swedes of five to eight tons. Although it is often stated that leguminous crops, such as peas and beans, do not respond to electro-culture, the fact remains that increase of 20 percent yield have been shown in some experiments, and it seems reasonable to believe that such results are not entirely based on errors of observation, or due to accidental factors. Strawberries have shown an increased yield of 88 percent on young plants, and what is of even greater importance, the fruit matured a week earlier than the neighbouring crop, which was not subject to the electrical discharge. Increased yield have been obtained with practically every food plant in green house tests.

LOW-ENERGY CONSUMPTION.
The results referred to above were due to the stimulation caused by the discharge of very small currents at high potential. This system has been developed in this country. A network of very fine wires, spaced, say, 15 feet apart, is supported about fourteen feet above the field to be treated and connected to the positive terminal of a high voltage system. The potential is about 100,000 volts, but owing to the current being very small the energy consumption is exceedingly low, amounting to about one unit of electricity (i.e., 1,000 watt hours), per acre per crop. It has been found that excessive current has a detrimental effect, and the few bad results obtained have undoubtedly been due to this cause.

Moreover, the current must not be on continuously; two or three hours per day during certain stages of the plants' growth seems to give the best results, but it depends upon the type of plant, the season of the year, and the weather conditions. In really wet weather no useful effect is produced by the discharge, while stimulation during hot sunshine is injurious. Owing to the network being suspended 14 feet above the field it can remain up permanently, and will not interfere with cultural operations nor with the carting of crops. When such work is being done the current is of course switched off, so that there is no danger of accidental contact with the wires, which would probably be attended with fatal results.

The widespread employment of electro-culture is being retarded by the relatively high cost of the necessary equipment. An installation to deal with 100 acres costs about £450, and the smallest sets for field use are at least £150 each. The major portion of the expense is in connection with the provision of the necessary high-voltage transformers or induction coils. Where the wires can be placed two or three feet from the crops to be

ON SNEEZING.

Ancient Fears Recalled

Passing an old crone who was gathering sticks in a beechwood up on the Chilterns, one day I chanced to sneeze, says a contributor to a Home paper.

"God keep ye, sir!" she exclaimed, glancing up. I thought she was going to ask for a copper, but back, at once, went her attention to the sticks. She little realised that her pious hope was a survival from the terrible years when the Black Plague ran over Europe like a destroying flame, wiping out nearly a third of the population. The ravaging plague is believed to have been the pneumonic form, which began with a severe chill. So ominous was this chill that everywhere men uttered a prayer, when they heard a friend sneeze, that he would not fall a victim. Up to about a century ago the uttered prayer still existed very widely in rural England and Ireland, and still it survives here and there among old people like this Chiltern crone.

LITTLE COURTESIES.

The Laplanders bow to a person who sneezes. If a woman sneezes it is considered polite to take off your hat and say: "God preserve you!" She returns the bow and says: "Thank you!" I found the same custom among the peasants of Russia, who, however, cross themselves. The old menace of the plague has gone, these two centuries—the gesture survives.

An older sneezing superstition is that of the wild blacks of the Northern d'Entrecasteaux Islands, in the Pacific, northeast of New Guinea. They believe that one sneezes when one's soul remembers a dead friend or relative. The natives always refer to their soul in the third person, as if it were a Jekyll to their Hyde.

"Inanake (his mother is not)" will exclaim a native who has lost his mother, when he sneezes; or "tamanake (his father is not)" if his father is his nearest dead relative. When a man has lost no near relatives (grandparents are not reckoned as "mournable"), his exclamation is "Vacona," an idiomatic expression that recalls a friend who has died in battle.

treated, the potential can be reduced considerably, and in such cases the capital outlay is lower. On the other hand, such installations are only suitable in green-houses or similar places, so that the expense is still considerable in comparison with the area to be treated.

GOOD RETURN ON CAPITAL.

Taking the percentage increase in yields given above and present prices, the financial returns from the extra yields due to electro-culture are from £5 10s. to £15 per acre per annum, so that even at the present prices for equipment there should be a good return on the capital invested.

On the Continent various other systems of electrical stimulation have been suggested and tried. One of the most promising is the system of passing currents through the plant roots and the surrounding soil. Very large increases in yield, and other advantages, such as the destruction of insect pests, are claimed, but unfortunately very little data is given, and some of the results may be greatly exaggerated. Experiments along these lines will, however, probably be undertaken in this country in the near future. If they prove successful the capital outlay for the plant should be less than for the usual electro-culture equipment working on the electric discharge system, which is usually used by English experimenters.

Reference has been made above to the small amount of electrical energy required per crop for electro-culture purposes. When it is realised that an acre requires during the course of the year only as much current as is consumed by an ordinary 40-watt lamp used for four hours per evening during one winter week, it will be seen that the cost of current is negligible. The future of electro-culture depends not upon cheap electricity but upon the production of the necessary equipment at a reasonable price.

Caruso said: "My
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shall be my biography."
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RAIN OF BEANS.

Report from Hupeh.

An occurrence which to numbers will doubtless appear as of supernatural import, has taken place in the province of Hupeh, according to a report in the *Eastern Times*. The account states that on January 30th, a torrent of black beans rained down over an area of 100 li in the Chibiens district. There is no other information to hand regarding this occurrence, and in the circumstances local residents may possibly be inclined to recall somewhat similar visitations in Shanghai.

In 1912 or 1913, readers may recall, a shower of rice descended upon the Settlement, and occurring late at night, brought many Chinese out into the streets to garner small lots of cereal from such resting places as the tram rails or the interstices between paving stones. On that occasion it transpired that several rice godowns in Formosa had been blown down by a typhoon and their contents carried by the force of the wind for hundreds of miles, to be deposited when the force of the storm had ceased.

No doubt a similar explanation will in time be forthcoming for the present rain in Hupeh.

FLOODS IN PHILIPPINES.

Whole Province Under Water.

The entire province of Agusan in the south is under flood waters from the Agusan river, advices to constabulary headquarters here yesterday said, reports the *Manila Daily Bulletin* of January 31st.

The three towns in the province, all located near the river, are flooded and the lives of more than 125,000 people have been endangered by the waters.

Water is running more than a meter deep in the streets of Butuan, the capital. Butuan is near the mouth of the river, which is a navigable stream.

All crops have been destroyed but no lives have been lost; the advices stated. An appeal for government aid was made yesterday, the constabulary provincial commander declaring that people up the river from Butuan are badly in need of food.

The river is important in trade as all products of the land are floated down the river on rafts to Butuan for shipments to Manila or Cebu.

Agriculture is the chief industry of the province with rice, corn, copra, abaca and tobacco being raised.

200,000,000 PINS A DAY.

Where Do They All Go?

It has been stated on what is supposed to be good authority that the world's total output of pins is at the rate of 200,000,000 a day. If so it may seem surprising that the world isn't becoming carpeted with pins. We know how easily they are lost—where do they go to? Most of them decay into nothingness, for actually, the pin is not such a time-defying object as it seems. Every pin dropped in a damp place soon turns into a few grains of rust.

With new pins turned out by machinery in such immense numbers, our grandmothers' maxims about picking up pins are forgotten, but in the 14th century, when pins were first introduced, they were valuable articles not to be lightly lost, recalls *Everyday Science*. An old law permitted the sale of pins on only two days of the year, the first and second of January. It was then the custom of all the women folk to buy their pins for the following 12 months. As is still customary they went to their husbands or fathers for the wherewithal and hence the term "pin money."

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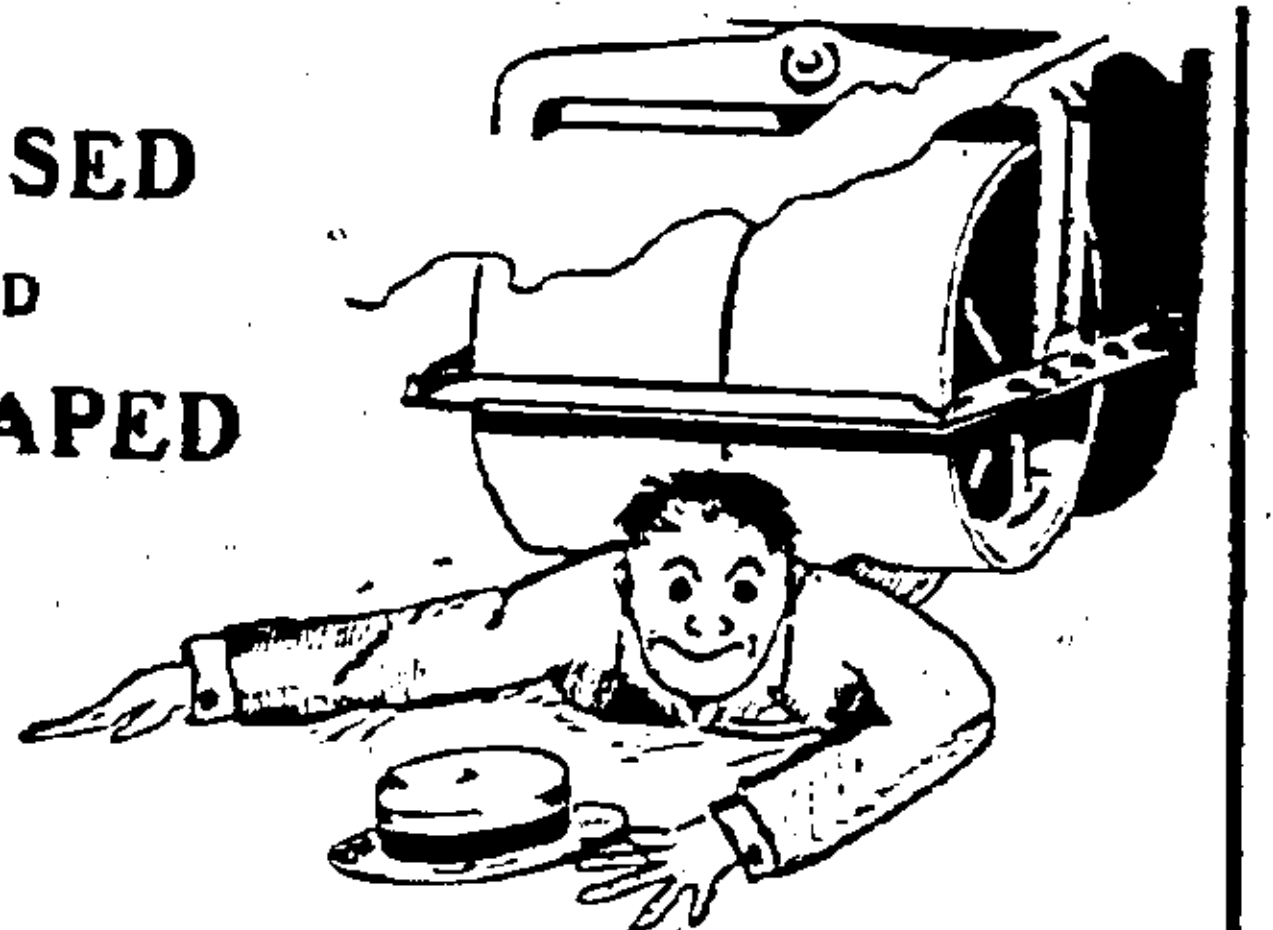
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that his funeral expenses are not to exceed 5,000 rupees, this to include the payment of money to poor Jews, for prayers for one year in Jerusalem and for providing a scroll of the Law. He gives 15,000 rupees to his brother Joseph, 10,000 rupees in trust for the poor and deserving residents of Bombay, and the residue of the property in trust for his daughters Doris and Edna. He declared that "the benefits given to my daughters and their issue are on condition that they shall not marry Christians."

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G. R. NOTICE.

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THIS office will be entirely closed on Friday, the 15th, February. It will be opened for all purposes from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, the 17th, February. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on those dates.

P. LOLDY,

Superintendent,

Imports and Exports.

Hongkong 12th February, 1923.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 15th and 17th, instant.

Hongkong, 1st. February 1923.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

From EUROPE and STRAITS. The Company's Steamship "SUWA MARU" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown. Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 20th, Feb., 1923, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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Sunday 8 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
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E. B. REDMOND,

Hon. Secretary (Ladies' Section)

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IN connection with the YACHTING SEASON 1922-1923, it has been arranged that the CLOSING CRUISE will take place at the CLUB HOUSE, North Point, on SATURDAY 17th, MARCH, and in conjunction therewith an INTERPORT ROWING REGATTA will be held under the auspices of the above Club co-operating with the Victoria Recreation Club.

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Admission to Stands: both games. Covered (all reserved) \$2. Uncovered (reserved) \$1.50. Unreserved \$1.00. Chairs 50 cents. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price to all the unreserved seats. Booking for the Reserved Accommodation opens at Moutrie's on the 5th.

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THE THIRTYFOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the offices of the Company, St George's Buildings, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday the 23rd day of February, 1923 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account and Report of the Directors for year ending 31st December 1922, and declaring a dividend.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday the 14th February, 1923 until Friday the 23rd February, 1923 both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

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ALL Members desirous of competing in inter-club events at the Inter-Port Regatta, to be held on the 17th March under the auspices of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and the Victoria Recreation Club are requested to hand in their names not later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday 14th Feb. For particulars see notice on Club notice board.

A. McKIRDY,

A Hon. Secretary.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

Shanghai-Hongkong Interport Golf Match

It is proposed to entertain the members of the Shanghai Interport Team to dinner at the Hongkong Hotel on Wednesday, 21st February, at 8 p.m. All members are invited to be present. Cost of dinner \$3—per head (exclusive of wines &c). Members unable to attend but who wish to subscribe are requested to advise the Secretaries accordingly.

Members who intend being present should place their names on the lists provided at the Secretaries' Office, Hongkong Club, Happy Valley Clubhouse, Deep Water Bay Clubhouse, and Fanling Clubhouse. Lists will be withdrawn on Monday 19th, February.

By Order.

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,

Secretaries & Treasurers.

The Kwong Wing Co., Ltd.

8 B. K. Chow, Monday, Feb. 19th. Regular service to Wanchai. Splendid 1st Class Passenger Accommodation. 21, Des Voeux Rd. W. Phone Central 522.

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FORTHCOMING AUCTION SALES

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Executor of the Estate of the late Mr. R. A. Gubbay (deceased) to sell by Public Auction on Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th, February, 1923, each day commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at "ULFRANK" No. 2 May Road. The Whole of his Valuable Household Furniture, Collection of Curios, Pictures, etc., etc.

Hatstands, hall lamps, marble top table, hall benches and chairs, Tapestry and silk covered drawing room suite, bevelled glass overmantels, marble top tables, carpets and rugs, Brass vases and ornaments, large French porcelain vases and plates, Bronze and white marble pedestals, cabinets with glass shelves, Electric inverted ceiling and bracket lamps, ceiling and table fans, card tables, etc.

Solid oak dining room suite (Queen Anne style) comprising:—Teak extension dining table and chairs, sideboard with bevelled mirror, dinner wagon, glass cabinet: tea tables, dinner crockery, marble clocks, brass mounted fender and fire brasses, Crystal cut-glass vases and table ornaments, cutlery, silver table ware and E. P. ware, etc., etc.

Brass and teak bedsteads, teak wardrobes with bevelled glass doors, dressing tables with marble top and bevelled mirrors, chests-of-drawers, washstands, toilet crockery, tapes, silk and lace curtains, linen, blankets, wardrobe trunks, travelling leather bags, etc., etc.

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Catalogues will be issued. Terms: Cash on delivery.

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H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MEMBERS and Subscribers are reminded that entries close on 15th February 1923, and the Tournament begins on 1st March 1923.

By Order, E. J. R. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday the 24th, February 1923, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1922.

The Register of shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday 12th, February to Saturday 24th, February 1923, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of The Court of Directors, A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 5th February 1923.

HUGHES & HOUGH

GENERAL AUCTIONEERS AND BROKERS.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (For Account of the Consignor).

on THURSDAY, the 15th February, 1923, at noon at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

One case of hams, Pineapple Brand. To be sold in small lots. Terms:—Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (For Account of the Consignor).

on WEDNESDAY, the 21st February, 1923, at 9.30 a.m. at Royal Army Ordnance Corps Depot, Queen's Road East, and Royal Engineers Yard, Wellington Barracks.

The Following Government Stores: Gunmetal, Lead, Brass, Steel, Wood, Clocks, Fire Extinguishers, Lamps, Oil Stoves, Acids, Blankets, Pantaloon, etc., etc.

Catalogues can be had at the Chief Foreman's Office or from the Auctioneers.

Terms of Sale:—Cash on delivery. All faults and errors of descriptions at Purchasers' risk, on the fall of the hammer. All lots to be cleared within 4 days.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 29th Jan., 1923.

G. R. NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 19th, day of February, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land on the S.W. side of the motor road beyond Shaikwan in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot.	Boundary Measurements.	Area in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Approximate Value.
1.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100.00
2.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100.00
3.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100.00
4.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100.00
5.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100.00
6.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100.00
7.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100.00
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By Order of The Court of Directors, A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 5th February 1923.

OFFICIAL NOTICE. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

THE Wing Hong Company Limited whose registered office is situated at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of the purchase by them of the undermentioned vessel they have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "ANTONIO" formerly registered at the Bureau of Customs Manila, Philippine Islands, of gross tonnage 4637.80 tons, register tonnage 1697 tons, heretofore owned by V. Madrigal and Company of Manila aforesaid, for permission to change her name to "WING HONG" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by the said Wing Hong Company Limited.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong this 14th day of February 1923.

S. T. WILLIAMSON,

Permanent Director.

The Wing Hong Co.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON Friday and Saturday, the 16th and 17th, instant, all departments will be closed.

On these days The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LTD.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1923

\$50 GIVEN AWAY

SPECIAL INTERPORT FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

We will give a prize of \$50 to the reader who sends in the correct goal scores in the matches Hongkong v. Shanghai (Saturday) and South China Athletic v. Shanghai (Monday), as detailed in the coupon to be found below.

Rules of Competition.

- All forecasts must be written on coupons cut from "The Hongkong Telegraph." The name and address of the entrant to be plainly printed in block letters in ink.
- Any number of attempts may be sent in, but a separate coupon must be used for each attempt.
- The Prize of \$50 will be awarded to the competitor who gives the correct goal scores in each match. In the event of more than one competitor sending in a correct forecast, then the Prize will be divided equally between those competitors. No one competitor shall be entitled to more than one share of the prize.
- All coupons must be received at the "Telegraph" office not later than 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, February 17th. Coupons received after that time will be disqualified.
- No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. The Editor's decision must be final. No correspondence or interviews will be entered into concerning this competition.
- Any match given below which, through any cause whatever, is not played, to a finish will not be counted.
- No members of the "Telegraph" staff will be permitted to take part in the competition.

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 HELEN 5th Mar. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
 AUTOL 12th Mar. London, Amsterdam & Antwerp

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

(Direct or via Continental Ports)
 PELEI 22nd Feb. Genoa, M'los, Liverpool & Glasgow.
 TITAN 10th Mar. M'los, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
 TALINUS 13th Mar. Genoa, M'los, Liverpool & Glasgow.

PACIFIC SERVICE

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 ACHILLES 7th Mar. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver
 PHILIP 21st Mar. "

NEW YORK SERVICE

(via Suez or Panama)
 HYSC 25th Feb. via Suez
 AGANON 15th Mar. via Suez

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

From YOKOHAMA, via YOKAICHI, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

The Company's Steamship

"CHICAGO MARU"

having arrived from the above

ports, Consignees of Cargo

are hereby notified that their

goods are being landed and placed

at their risk in the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company's Godowns at Kowloon,

where delivery can be obtained

as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 19th

Feb. 1923, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be

left in the Godowns for ex-

amination by the Consignee's

representative and the Company's

Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and

Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday

and Saturday. All claims must

be presented within Ten days

of the steamer's arrival here, after

which date they cannot be

recognized. No claim will be

admitted after the goods have

left the Godowns.

No fire insurance whatever will

be effected.

Consignees are requested to

send in their Bills of Lading for

counter-signature immediately.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

K. SHIMA,

Manager.

Hongkong, 13th. Fe. 1923.

EMERGENCY HOUSES.

The Singapore Government Scheme.

We take the following particulars of emergency houses erected in Singapore for the poorer-class people, from the Singapore Free Press:

Sir Frederick James called a conference at Government House last June to consider prevention of possible hardship through abolition of Rent Restriction—the Temporary Housing publicly advocated by the D. C. I. T. being especially discussed. It was thought that the clerical classes and folk of about the same ranges of pay, were likeliest to feel the change.

Sir Frederick immediately appointed a small Committee from the conference. The Hon'ble Mr. Park (Chairman), The Hon'ble Mr. Lorne, Mr. Farrer, and Capt. Richards, with instructions to go into the matter forthwith on the cheapest possible basis. The Colonial Engineer, and the D. C. I. T. at once reported on the 13 sites, the C. L. R. allotted the land, the P. W. D. made the surveys, the D. C. I. T. put up his designs, estimates, and a series of layouts for what he called ten-year-life Emergency Houses, the smallest, cheapest, possible, decent little home—in distinction from his tile-roof 15-20 year Temporary Housing now on the stocks. Plans and estimates were approved and Sir Frederick gave the order to put up 50. The D. C. I. T. prepared sets of plans, specifications, quantities, and contract documents. The Colonial Engineer got in tenders (over 40 received) and let the contracts to Messrs. Hindede and Co., and Mr. Karunan. Mr. Townner, Deputy Colonial Engineer, ably supervised the work and pushed on, and the houses were ready as promised on December 31st.

Each house contains one bedroom 13ft. by 9 ft., one living room 14 ft. by 10 ft., with 6 windows, and one verandah 14 ft. by 3 ft., plus a verandah 14 ft. by 3 ft. for sitting on, or for flower-pots. The kitchens are 8 ft. by 7 ft., and bathroom 7 ft. by 4 ft., and are reached by covered access. The houses stand on brick pillars, and are built strongly of substantial bintangore rollers and joists, and serial merah boarding. Floors are of one-inch selected boards. The doors are specially arranged to aid privacy and convenience. All exposed timber was crudely-oiled and the interiors were whitewashed to make the rooms lighter and more cheerful. Roofs are of thick well-bound attap, and edges of eaves (3 ft. projection all round) are cut nearly level to aid appearance.

A brick dapor is a costly thing, and the cheap, successful daps in these houses are made of wood troughs on timber frames. The troughs are filled with sand or earth, and a steel plate lies on top, and with two dozen bricks and three steel bars are made three fire places. They work well.

These little houses are built mostly as single dwellings, always so desirable, and where in pairs the partitions have been thoughtfully filled with clean rammed sawdust to deaden sound between the houses. Each pair of houses is provided with an easy-working, self-closing water tap, that rouses no wish to knock it off, for it gives a quick supply.

Each house has its own bit of front garden and a back, space for drying clothes, and when the low hedges are up there will be a sense of one's own little home that is also so desirable and conducive to order. And it has been proposed by the D.C.I.T. to offer prizes once a year for the best front gardens.

The average cost of each house was \$750, and they are let at a monthly rent of \$13.50, including water supply.

THE FARM HAND.

Hard Life in Remote Districts.

A story told in the Barrow County Court recently concerning the harsh treatment of a young labourer on one of the lonely fellside farms in the Coniston area does much to explain the trend of the worker towards the towns. Away in the remote vastness of the fells and lonely valleys he is absolutely at the mercy of his employer, who is often harsh and tyrannical, and the poor labourer has no one to appeal to, as the next house may be a mile or two away over rough and stony roads. The young farm workers, boys or girls, who attend the hiring fairs at Penrith or Ulverston take courage in both hands, as they run the risk of engaging for the long term of six months with an employer who may abuse and ill-treat and bully during all the half year.

The hiring fairs in May and November are still the venue of engagements between master and servant throughout agricultural Westmorland and Cumberland. A boy or girl fresh from school may engage with a farmer whose land may be in the loneliest and dreariest situation, where in the nature of things it is all work and no play, no amusements, and no recreation of any kind—just toil and sleep. If it happens that the farmer is also of the harsh, greedy type, the lot of the young worker must be miserable.

Still, in the great majority of cases the farm hand is well treated, and as proof of this it may be mentioned that servants often re-engage term after term with the same master. The life, under the best conditions, is hard and monotonous for everyone on the farm, and in some places there is scarcely any difference between the lives of masters and men. They all sit down at the same table in the huge kitchen and eat the same food, start and finish work at the same time, and all are virtually members of the family.

TIENTSIN INCIDENT.

Foreigner's Experience with Coolie and Policeman.

A somewhat disturbing incident is reported as having occurred at Tientsin East Railway Station, when a well-known resident of Tongshan was involved in a mix-up.

According to the North China Daily News this gentleman arrived by the Peking express, and on coming out of the station he got into a ricksha. Seeing a foreign lady close to him he gave up his ricksha to her, and was then immediately surrounded by a struggling crowd of coolies. He was locked in by their vehicles, and in the disorder one of the coolies broke the shafts of his ricksha. The coolie demanded recompense from the gentleman who naturally enough answered that he had nothing to do with it, the breakage occurring through the coolie's fault.

In the ensuing disturbance a policeman was called in by the coolie. The policeman took the native's side and without any enquiry demanded that the foreigner go with him to the police station. He did in fact seize the foreigner by the sleeve, and when the latter disengaged himself he partly drew his sword from the scabbard.

The coolie then found that his finger was bleeding, a fact which caused further protest, but a police officer who came up was more cautious than his subordinate. He accepted a card from the gentleman, who proceeded on his way, followed by the coolie.

On arriving at the French Consession a threat of calling the French police achieved the desired effect, and the coolie made off.

CRIMINAL TRIALS.

The Question of the Last Word.

It is not surprising that the publicity given to the Ilford trial should have brought into question the curious power of the Law Officers in the matter of having the last word with the jury.

It is possible that resultant inquiries in Parliament and elsewhere may lead at last to the removal of this remnant of the once boundless advantage held by the Crown over a prisoner on trial. Our old laws were not only savage in the matter of punishment; they left to the person accused little opportunity to defend himself.

It was the scandal of the various treason trials of the seventeenth century which threw the question into high relief. In those trials the lawyers employed by the Crown had every possible advantage on their side. A person accused was not shown the indictment; he might find himself in the dock without even knowing of what he was accused. Naturally, then, he had no means of preparing a defence. The Crown could compel the attendance of witnesses; the prisoner had no such power. No advocate was allowed to plead for him; if witnesses offered themselves in his defence they could not be sworn. He might be probably be was, dazed by his situation, and he had against him all the legal resources of the Crown.

Nearly at the end of the seventeenth century this abominable state of affairs was altered in the case of high treason, but it was remarked, in the discussions on the subject, that no one seemed to think that there was any necessity to alter the law in the case of persons charged with other offences. Gradually reform has come; witnesses for the defence can be brought to court and sworn; the best talent at the Bar is at the disposal of prisoners. They may go into the box and give evidence on oath; they have the Court of Criminal Appeal. Only the special privilege of the Law Officers remains, though it is fair to remember that to a Law Officer, Romilly, we owe much of the reform of the criminal procedure. —Manchester Guardian.

"G. B. S." AND "G. K. C."

Views on Censored Dickens Film.

The British Film Censor's action in excising from the new Dickens film the scene in which Fagin instructs Oliver Twist in the "nice trade" of picking pockets, has led to some controversy.

After a private view of the uncensored film the members of the Dickens Fellowship openly expressed their bewilderment at the Censor's action. "The excision is absurd," said Mr. Walter Dexter, one of the Fellows, "and the scene most harmless. I have seen many films much more demoralising. The deleted scene, followed as it is by one depicting Oliver's horror at the sight of the Artful Dodger and Charley Bates robbing the innocent Mr. Brownlow, is more a moral lesson than an incentive to crime."

Mr. G. K. Chesterton considers the official action a piece of "ludicrous nonsense." "In fact," he said, "I doubt if the human vocabulary contains a word sufficiently strong to characterise its idiocy. I cannot see what particular danger attends the spectacle of a wretched old Jew picking pockets or teaching the boy Oliver to do so! What I should like to see would be the film revealing the means adopted by richer Jews for emptying pockets. But doubtless such a film, however popular, would also be forbidden."

SEATS FOR LADIES.

Thoughts On An Old Courtesy.

Some two years ago, writes a correspondent to the Manchester Guardian, there was a discussion in the papers on the habit of men giving their seats to ladies in trams. I was interested, for the habit is incurable with me, being either inherited (my dear father would always stand up till long after he was 70) or acquired owing to the fact that my mother would have scalped any of her boys who had remained sitting while a lady stood. So I determined to keep a record of my experiences. I now submit it to readers of the Manchester Guardian, for I recorded my hundredth effort yesterday. Of the ladies concerned 24 bowed, smiled, or murmured "Thank you." Forty-seven ignored me as completely as if I were Mr. Wells's Invisible Man. Twenty-seven looked at me with cold loathing and contempt, as if in offering them my seat I had been guilty of some low and base action which they would have denounced in fitting terms but for their own perfect refinement. Poor dears, no doubt it was merely shyness. But it was discouraging for the mere male.

There still remain two to be accounted for (adds our correspondent). "If this should meet the eye of" (as they say in advertisements) the first, I should like her to know that I still think of her with pleasure and gratitude. For she not only murmured thanks when she took the seat but later, when leaving the car, she bowed and smiled again. Far different was the behaviour of the other. It was not, I am glad to say, in Manchester or Salford. But it was in Lancashire. Hardly had she sat down, when she dealt me a heavy blow on the back (administering what is, I believe, called the "kidney punch") and said: "Don't stand right over me. I can't breathe. Stand farther off." I should have liked to have pointed out that but for having given her my seat I need not have been stood anywhere at all. But I did not dare. I was afraid she might hit me again. I am afraid I don't wonder that the habit of standing up for a lady is dying out.

FRENCH WARSHIPS' CRUISE.

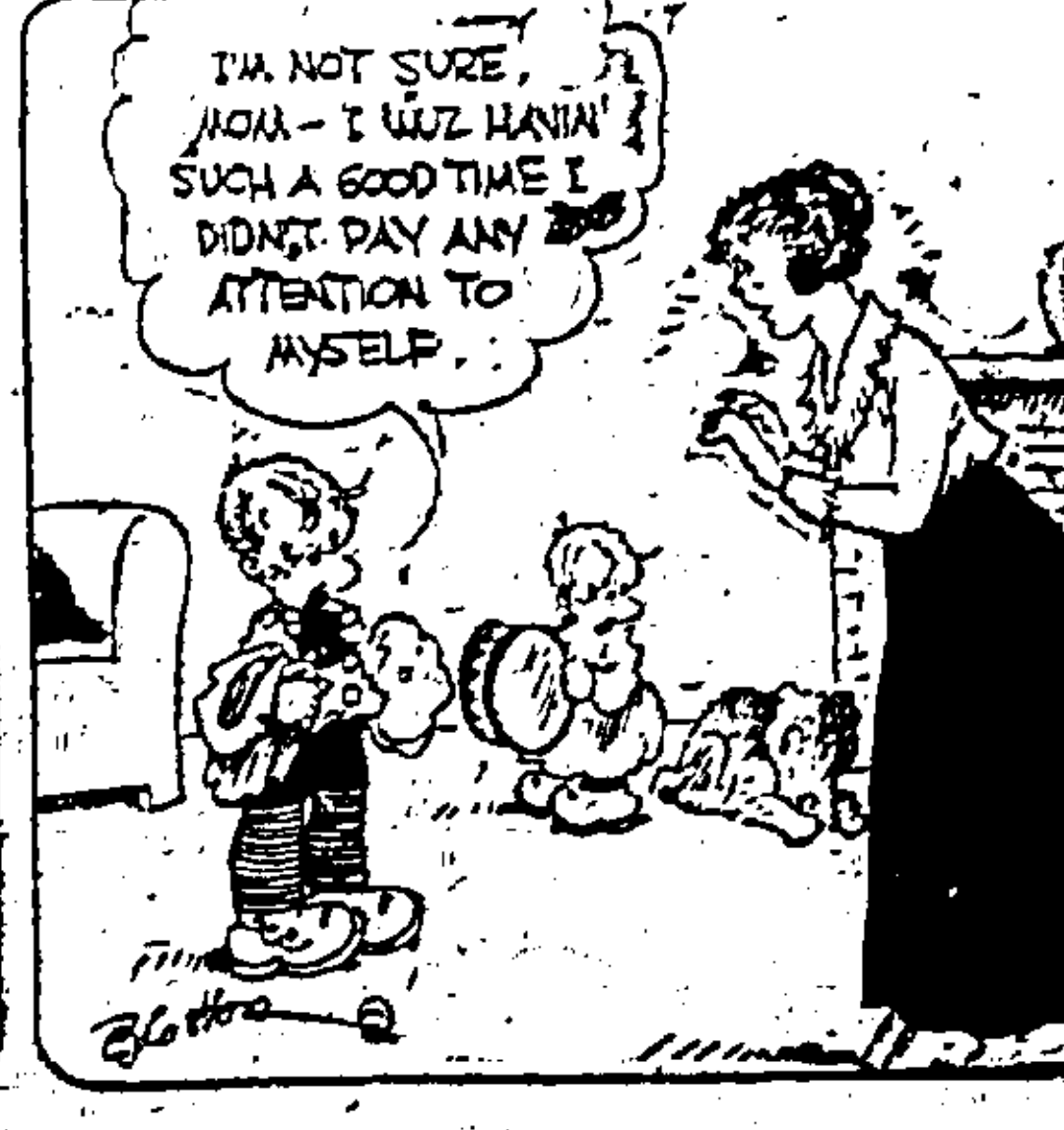
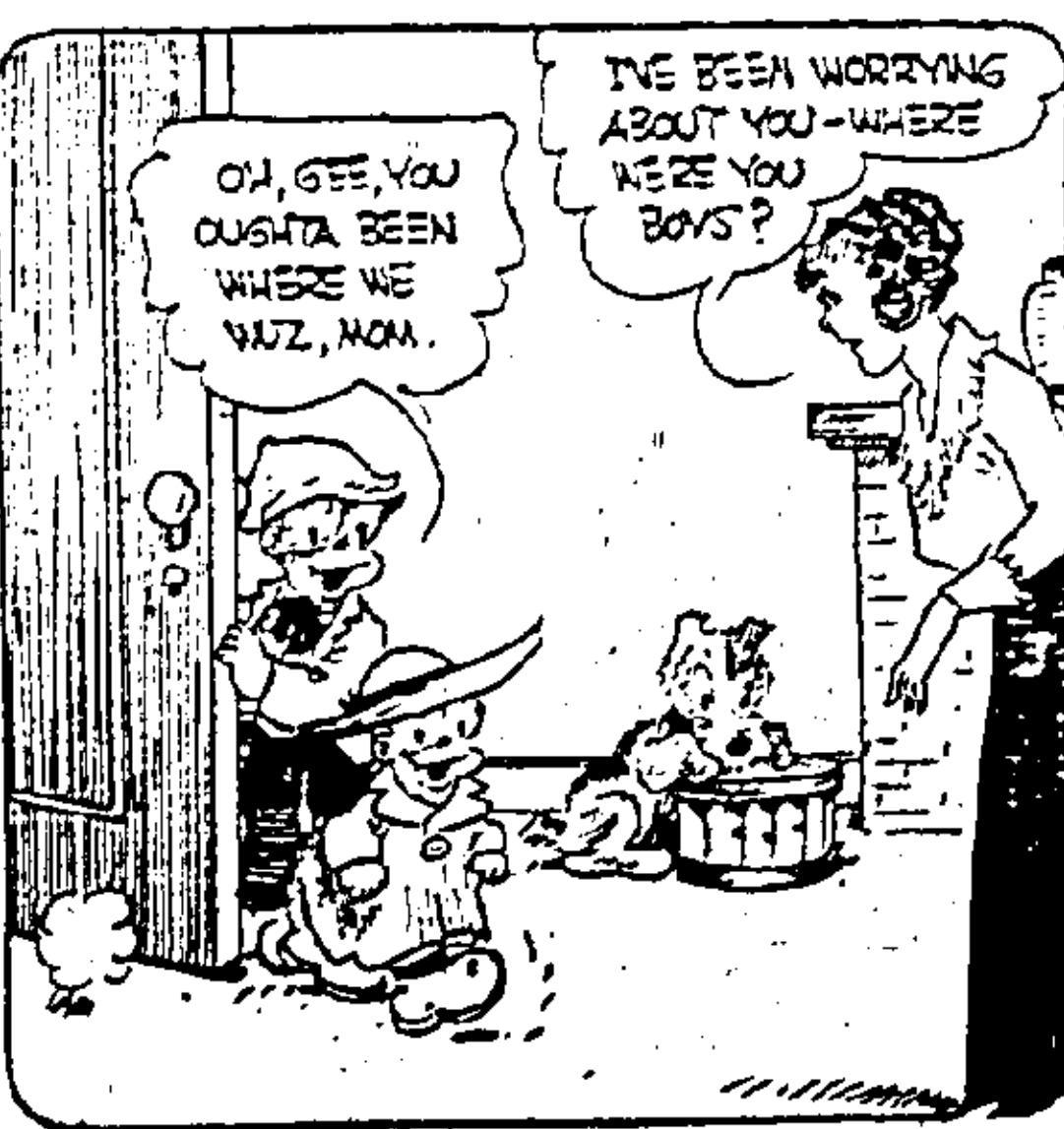
Two French battle-cruisers were expected to arrive at Yokohama on January 25th, on board of which are officials of the Commercial and the Colonial Departments of the French Government who are on a mission of enlightening the Far East as well as Australia by means of pamphlets, lectures, moving pictures and all other available means, with regard to French industry, fine arts, literature and French life in general. The Government authorities are expected to render every possible facility to the fleet, while several industrial and other public bodies and associations in this country are already preparing for its reception.

Mr. Bernard Shaw takes a different attitude. "If the Oliver Twist scenes have been banned because the story makes a hero of a pick-pocket," he said, "our film people have themselves to thank after the infamous crime serials they have been presenting to child audiences throughout the provinces." To this Mr. Chesterton has replied that he does not know much about crime serials, but that he has very little belief in the power of any artistic presentation to make criminals of people. "If there is any growth of crime among the young," he said, "I am quite sure that it is due less to crime serials than to the breakdown of family authority and of the religious atmosphere."

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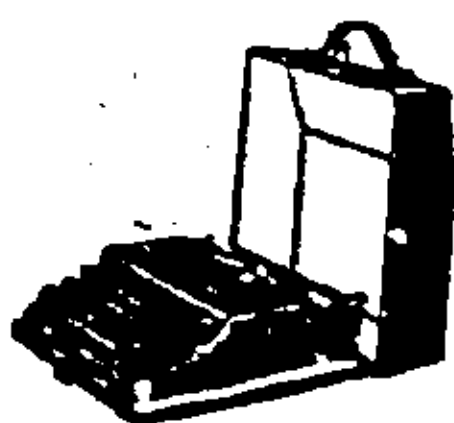
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BIRTHS.

FETTERLY.—On February 13th, at French Convent Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Fetterly, a son.

BITTER.—On February 7, 1923, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bitter, a daughter.

SPURGEON.—On February 7, 1923, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Spurgeon, a daughter (nee Rose Ethel Sullivan).

MARRIAGES.

SARJEANT—CHASTY.—On February 7, 1923, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, Ralph Lionel Sarjeant to Matilda Chasty.

NORTON—DEE.—On February 9, 1923, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, Shanghai, and afterwards at St. Joseph's Church by Rev. Fr. Grech-Combo, S.J., William John, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Norton, of High Road, Heston, Yorks, to Joanna, daughter of the late David, and of Mrs. Dee, of Bansa, Tipperary.

DUFFUS-COLLIE.—At the Presbyterian Church, Singapore, on the 6th Feb. 1923, by the Rev. G. H. Douglas, M.A., Alan A. Duffus, M.B., Ch. B., D.P.H., Singapore, to Miss Margaret Lella Collie, daughter of J. Younger Collie, Esq., advocate, Aberdeen.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 14th Feb., 1923.

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

The Chairman at the Kowloon Residents' Association meeting on Monday touched on one very important point when he stated that the policy of his committee was to foster a spirit of civic responsibility among the members. Without the whole-hearted co-operation of individuals, no association of any kind can work at its best. In the most primitive example of society, the family, or clan, and later in the tribe or village community, we find how this spirit of mutual help, for the good of all, enabled progress to be made. In the bigger associations, first only into counties, perhaps, then kingdoms, and finally empires. It is the subordination of self-interest and the expansion of community endeavour, that lifts a race or nation, or an association of different races, out of the rut of insignificance on to the broad highway of progress and influence. We do not desire to suggest that members of the K.R.A. are lacking in civic spirit, or that there is an excess of selfishness among individual members—we merely wish to emphasise the need for everybody to keep before him the ideal of

working for the good of all, and becoming "keenly interested in the welfare of the district in which he lives." In this way only can a man avoid unconsciously falling into the habit of thinking that any association he joins will be of benefit to him for each and every little problem that he desires solved, whilst forgetting that there are others whose needs merit equal, or greater, consideration.

One danger of a lack of the true civic spirit is that an association like the K.R.A. could be used by members for personal axe-grinding, and thus cause a weakening of the influence that a combined effort can bring to bear on any problem, or even result in dissension in the ranks of members. Without suggesting that K.R.A. members lack the ability to appreciate the need for civic responsibility on their part, we make these comments in order to drive home the point raised by the Chairman. More enthusiasm could be brought by members into their relationship towards the Association, with great advantage to themselves. Many more residents eligible to join should do so. All individual prejudices should be sunk and common cause be made on important questions that arise from time to time. In this way the Kowloon Residents' Association, already a strong, representative body, will become strengthened and attain a position, which no one could challenge, of primary influence in the Colony.

Cost of Building.

The high prices which Crown land is now fetching in this Colony represent a considerable factor in the excessive cost of new residences. The upst prices fixed by the Government are, in the main, high enough, but recent experience shows that these are more often than not greatly exceeded, so keen is the competition for desirable sites. We are at once reminded of the remarks made by the *Daily Press* in its remarks that the authorities are going about this business of land sales in the wrong way. On former occasions we have suggested that the line to be followed should be that adopted by development syndicates at Home—certain areas should be definitely mapped out as building sites, and applicants therefor should be allotted suitable lots at the lowest price possible; in such areas there should be no competitive bidding, by which wealthy Asiatics can always outdo Europeans. Let specified areas, reserved for various classes, be set aside and encouragement to build be given by offering these at reasonable rates. Then it might be possible for the European of moderate means to become an owner-occupier. As things are, very few are able to build their own homes. We fear the present Government policy is to raise as much revenue as possible from land, rather than to induce residents to acquire a stake in the Colony. We also agree that the contractors' "ring" badly needs breaking up, and until that is done the actual cost of construction must remain unduly high. In the Straits some years ago, a commission which investigated the cost of building discovered that such a "ring" existed there and it recommended that the Government attempt to smash it by manufacturing bricks and selling them at low prices. We believe that nothing was done in the matter, as later the slump set in and most building materials fell in price. The point is, however, that it was definitely established in Singapore that contractors were artificially inflating prices. We suspect Hongkong contractors of doing likewise, and if investigations were carried out, no doubt there would be some illuminating revelations.

Kowloon Hospital.
Judging from the remarks by the Chairman at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association, it will be many a long month before residents on the peninsula secure their much-needed hospital—that is if the past rate of progress is not improved upon. The cutting down of the site forty feet below its previous level and the calling for tenders appear to represent a whole year's work on this project. That is not good enough. Again

DAY BY DAY.

WHEN A MAN IS TALKING TO HIMSELF HE BELIEVES EVERYTHING HE HEARS.

Mrs. D.K. Blair returned to the Colony by the *Suwa Maru*.

"P. E. F. S."—As you will observe from to-day's issue, you were quite correct.

H.M.S. *Hawkins* and several other units of the China Squadron left for Manila this morning.

Yesterday's health return shows three cases of diphtheria (one British and two Chinese) and one occurrence of small-pox (Chinese).

Major S. B. Coates, 4th Bombay Grenadiers (K.E.O.), has been granted 60 days' privilege leave, for the purpose of proceeding to India.

Command orders state that owing to the scarcity of water, the usual monthly test of fire hydrants will not be carried out till further orders.

Playing at the V.R.C. in the Colony's billiards championship last night, R. F. Luz defeated Ho Shai-cheung by 500-465. Each made a break of 26.

Captain R. B. Khare, I.M.S., has been appointed to perform the duties of "Ophthalmological Specialist" to the troops in Hongkong, in addition to his own duties.

A Chinese boy, 15 years of age, was run over and killed by the 8.15 train from Shanghai near the 18th milestone yesterday. His remains were removed to the Public Mortuary.

The following extract is from the *London Gazette*, dated 9th January, 1923:—The King's Regiment—Major N. B. C. B. Grounds, retires on retired pay, 6th January, 1923, and is granted the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

When the a.s. President Jackson came in from Manila this morning, it was reported that a serious case of small-pox had occurred, the sufferer being an American. The boat was put into the quarantine anchorage off Stonecutters. Her departure, scheduled for to-morrow, may be delayed in consequence.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Bill Dealing With German Societies.

The Legislative Council meets to-morrow afternoon. The agenda includes:—

First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the carrying on of the work formerly carried on by certain German societies and persons in the Colony of Hongkong, and to deal with certain property formerly held or administered by, or used in connection with the work of, such societies and persons in the Colony of Hongkong, and to provide for the control of the persons by whom the said work is to be carried on.

Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1894.

Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance, 1921.

Committee on the Bill intituled An Ordinance to regulate certain forms of female domestic service.

and again attempts have been made to bind the Government down to a more or less specific date for the completion of the work, but very little satisfaction has been the result. The job is being pushed along, but at a very slow rate. Meantime, Kowloon folk who fall sick and have to be sent to hospital must undergo a trying and oft-times dangerous trip across the harbour. The demand for a temporary hospital has never been conceded; and all that people across the harbour can do is to wait on the week-end will of the Government. They are quite accustomed to that process by now. But can't somebody see that things are hurried up a bit? If not, the present generation of Kowloonites will never see the hospital in being.

ROUND THE TOWN.

(By "Gadabout.")

Remarkable how the Chinese are cottoning on to our British games, especially football. Amongst the kiddies there seems to be an inborn love of the game, just the same as at Home, and you can't walk far these days without seeing a street game in progress somewhere or other. Near the City Hall, near Wanchai market, at the Wanchai end of Kennedy Road are among the most popular playing pitches. With goalposts improvised from jackets, hats, or anything else handy, and an old tennis ball taking the place of the usual larger, leather sphere, the enthusiasm there even if the skill's sometimes lacking. With the advance of Western education, Western customs and influence, the Chinese youngsters are beginning to take up many of the pastimes and pleasures of their European prototypes. Unfortunately, they don't seem to have the same facilities.

The poorer schools here have no playgrounds and such things as recreation grounds, which are such a feature of most of the more thickly populated districts at Home, are just not to be seen. It's a pity the Government can't allot a few open spaces in the overcrowded Chinese areas for the youngsters to play in. It would cost a heap of lucre, of course, and it would be so much valuable land lost to trade and commerce. But most cities at Home realise the importance of giving the kiddies somewhere to play and keeping the streets free for legitimate traffic, so why not Hongkong? If the future generation can be encouraged to take up games, it will mean that they will lead cleaner, happier and healthier lives and will probably turn out all the better citizens for it. If they can be taught to play the game when they're youngsters, they'll probably play the game when they're grown up. It would cost money, but I've an idea it might be worth it in the long run.

The Kowloon Residents' Association seems to be justifying itself. The chairman at the meeting on Monday night mentioned that residents had not yet the privilege of governing themselves and the Association had, of necessity, to adopt the attitude of supplicant. Nevertheless, there are some on the Council who take an interest in little Suburbia, to which gentlemen during the course of his speech the chairman expressed thanks. But one of these days perhaps we'll hear of what's happened to that long strip of paper containing all those signatures in support of Roderick Random's baby, "Constitutional Reform," and who knows, one of these days perhaps in the Legislative Council there'll be a Member for Kowloon. Being a suburbanite myself these days, I did my duty as a loyal citizen (should I say?) and lent my support to the city fathers' gathering. We often talk of our Colony as being cosmopolitan, but I'd never realised it to such an extent as I did at that meeting—there were close on a dozen nationalities represented in that little Church Hall. And, by the way, talking of that, didn't the chairman mean that they wanted a non-Chinese residential area, not European? I suppose he meant to include everybody present, but Australia, India, Mexico, the Philippines—to mention but a few countries whose representatives were there—are not in Europe.

There's one thing that can be said about the officers and well-wishers of that much-criticised Association, Easna—they don't let the grass grow under their feet, and they're living up to the standard they set themselves in the early days of the scheme. They didn't start off with a flourish of trumpets and forthwith proceed to fade into obscurity, as so many bodies have done in the past. They've kept their enthusiasm up. The outsider who talks about their Club being just a boozing institution has a very foggy idea of Easna's many activities. The public doesn't always hear of the many little things the Association does to improve the social life of its members, tennis tournaments, billiard tournaments and so forth, in addition to a great many acts of charity which don't get shouted from the house-tops. Now they've made public the arrangements for their bathing beach, which is to be opened at Stonecutters' early in the summer. And they're not doing things by halves either. They're

FOOTBALL N.

(BY "QUIZ.")

Local football enthusiasts much to interest them: the next few days, the fixtures being arranged.

To-morrow—Hongkong Division II (kick-off 4 p.m.) Marazion v. Durban on "A" ground; and Hongkong Division I (kick-off 4 p.m.) Police v. Ambrose on 4th China ground.

Friday.—Junior Cgo Shield Semi-final, King's v. A. (kick-off 2.45 p.m.) on 4th ground; Senior Shield Semi-final, Durban v. Kowloon (kick-off 15 p.m.) on the Club ground.

Saturday.—Interport, Hongkong v. Shanghai (kick-off 4 p.m.) on the Club ground.

Monday.—South China, Shanghai (kick-off 4.30 p.m.) on the Club ground.

Wednesday.—United Sea v. Shanghai (kick-off 4.30 p.m.) on the Club ground.

Owing to the great future the Interport match, the H.K. have decided that no other game shall be played on Saturday therefore the Division II match, down on the fixture list for 4 days will not be played.

It is not definitely known to long the Shanghai team will remain in Hongkong, but three matches have been arranged to date. The Interport game down for Saturday will attract a large crowd to the Club ground. The reserved booking for seats in the Club stand has been almost filled up. The Shanghai team, as previously announced, leave the Northern port by the President Jefferson and are due in Hongkong on the afternoon of the 16th inst., their headquarters being the Hongkong Hotel. The game will be keenly contested and from recent accounts our visitors will give the Hongkong team a good game. The locals were out on Monday night and will be seen out again this evening, doing their final practice.

The matches down for Chinese New Year's Day should be well attended, for good football should be seen in the semi-finals of the Challenge Shield. The Junior game between the military teams will probably end in favour of the King's who have the better record this season. These teams played a drawn game on Saturday last. The senior game should be evenly contested, although the sailors will start favourites. Kowloon will be out to enter the final for the first time in the history of the Club, and the sailors will have to be all out if they expect to win. In the event of the scores being equal at the end of ninety minutes' play, the teams will probably play extra time. These teams have not met before this season and the question of League points will also be at stake.

In the League games down for to-morrow, the Ambrose and Police should play an even game, with the sailors having the advantage in midfield. The Marazion and Durban game should end in a draw.

LATE MR. GUBBAY'S RESIDENCE.

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There was a large attendance at Messrs. Lamport Bros' auction rooms yesterday afternoon, when Inland Lot 1772, with the residence "Uibank" situated thereon, was offered for sale. The house is located on May Road and belonged to the late Mr. R. A. Gubbay.

Mr. G. P. Lamport conducted the sale, and bidding started at \$50,000, eventually advancing to \$77,000, for which figure the property was acquired by Mr. Carvalho, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

going to have a real pukka match, with dressing room, lounge, lavatory, caretaker's quarters—quite a swell affair it sounds. They'll have a launch service, of course, and they're going to have teas and other refreshments supplied on the spot. And they're promised band nights. Shouldn't be surprised if some of those who've been so fond of talking of booze clubs don't change their minds and look foolish one of these days. They should.

CARELESS BLASTING.

Residents Expected to Hide!

The manager of Messrs. Sang Lee and Company, building contractors, was summoned, at the instance of Mr. M. K. Lo, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Police Court this morning, for not taking proper precautions when blasting on a site in Conduit Road. Several large pieces of rock, weighing about seven pounds each, which were dislodged by a charge fired on the 5th instant, were produced in Court as evidence of this negligence.

The defendant pleaded that he had observed the usual precautions of covering the charge with a layer of gunny bags and also with timbers, but admitted that he did not put up a wooden screen for protective purposes in case the timbers should fail effectively to cover the charges.

According to Mr. A. E. Wright, of the Public Works Department, a wooden screen is put in all cases by other contractors.

In the witness box, Mrs. M. K. Lo said that on the day in question she heard a crash "as if the whole house had fallen down." Later she discovered that a very large piece of stone had fallen on the roof of her residence, (which was at 55, Robinson Road and situated below the spot where the blasting operations were being carried out) and crashed through it. Another large piece dropped on the lawn, where the amah was hanging out clothes to dry. A third piece fell into the gutter, after breaking a window pane.

Mr. M. K. Lo said that what actually happened was that after this fragment had crashed through the roof, Mrs. Lo had a conversation with the foremen. They had, however, "most curious ideas" as to what he and his wife should do. Instead of apologising or expressing their regret at an occurrence which might have resulted in a fatality, such as the death of the amah, the only thing they said was that the inmates should endeavour to avoid the stones "which were bound to fly all over the place." "We were told," continued Mr. Lo, "to hide ourselves when these charges were being fired." Two of the foremen had come down to the house before. Witness's father once actually sought out one of the foremen in order to warn the contractor as to the necessity for taking more precautions. Between that and the present case there was ample time for them to carry these out, but they did not do so, and because of the attitude they took in the case he had asked Mr. Wright to take out this summons.

His Worship recorded a conviction, a fine of \$150 being imposed.

MANILA'S GALA DAYS.

Queen of the Carnival Crowned.

The Manila Daily Bulletin of February 6th states:

Nery I was crowned queen of the 1923 carnival last night with appropriate ceremony in the auditorium.

The Queen, with her King Consort, Eugenio Lopez, University of Philippines, college of law student, marched with stately air across the auditorium floor, was proclaimed by the grand court chamberlain, presented with her crown and escorted to her throne. Following the coronation high officials of the Government congratulated Nery I and her admirers placed flowers at her feet.

A Hungarian dance by 15 girls and military drill by the prize winning company of Manila South High School preceded the coronation ceremony.

More than 15,000 persons watched the coronation from the balconies and the floor. Following the coronation they danced until rain drove them home.

The 15,000 were a part of the largest crowd of the 1923 carnival to date. It was estimated at midnight last night that more than 50,000 persons were inside the grounds at 10.30 o'clock.

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KWANGSI BANK NOTE CASE.

To-day's Argument in Full Court.

The legal argument arising out of the Kwangsi Bank note case was continued in the Full Court, before the Chief Justice (Sir Wm. R. R. Davies) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz), this morning.

The Puisne Judge said it seemed to him that this note was not analogous to that of an ordinary bank. Apparently on the evidence it was a State bank. The notes were issued by the Governor of the Province and acceptable according to face value with regard to taxes. His Lordship had procured a number of specimen Far Eastern notes. The Singapore and Japanese notes expressed "promise to pay." The English currency note, commonly called a "Bradbury," had no "promise to pay" but it was expressed to be legal tender for any amount and issued by authority of Act of Parliament, George V, 1914.

His Lordship quoted the law relating to English notes, which was to the effect that the notes could be exchanged at the Bank of England for gold. His Lordship fancied that if a person took a Bradbury to the Bank of England now, he would not get gold coin.

Mr. Zeitlyn replied that the Bank of England would exchange gold for notes. He mentioned a case during the war in which he appeared for the defence. During the war, as their Lordships knew, gold rose considerably in value. There was a conspiracy between certain parties. They obtained a number of notes and took them to the Bank of England, where they exchanged them for gold sovereigns. They sold the sovereigns at an enhanced value. They were prosecuted for selling gold. Counsel mentioned the case to show that one could get gold for notes on demand at the Bank of England.

The Attorney General thought the Bank of England did not always like to exchange gold for notes. Even before the war they looked askance at one if he did so and tried to discourage him. In the course of further argument the Attorney General said he did not suggest that the note in this case was a bank note in that sense. He suggested that it was a bill or note for the payment of money, because it was a bill or note issued by a bank. Counsel, however, saw his Lordship's point that being a State bank the note was only valuable in paying taxes.

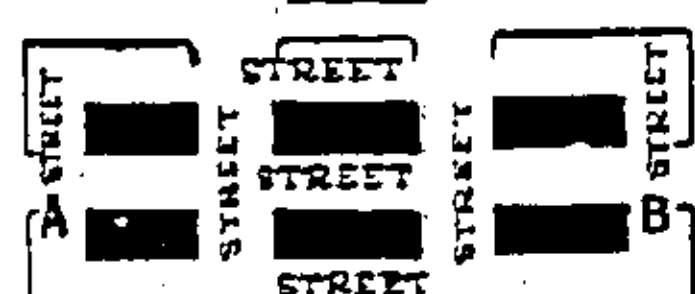
The Attorney General then continued his address from yesterday afternoon (a report of which is given in another column).

Mr. Zeitlyn said the question was whether the document (the subject of the charge) was a document in law which was capable of sustaining a charge of forgery. Counsel argued that it was not. It would not do to give any piece of paper the definition of document and then to say to a man that he had laid himself open to a charge of forgery.

There might be some people in Russia who nursed the hope that Nicholas might be restored to them. Counsel did not know, but that idea nursed by some peasant in the heart of the country would not make anyone manufacturing Romanoff notes guilty of forgery. If he induced that peasant to purchase the note, he might be liable for obtaining money by false pretences, but counsel contended that he would not be guilty of forgery.

The hearing closed this morning, judgment being reserved.

A PUZZLE A DAY.



A motorist entered a city, and arrived at point A. He found that left-hand turns were not permitted. He desired to go to point B, at the same time passing along the entire length of every street. What is the shortest route from A to B, making right-hand turns only, without missing any part of any street? The same ground may be covered more than once.

Yesterday's answer:
There were 26 people riding on the ferris-wheel. Thus there were 24 in front, and 24 behind the two men who were together. One-third of 24 (those before) is eight. Three-fourths of 24 (those behind the two men) are 18. Eight and 18 give 26 as the number of people on the wheel, including the two men.

SHANGHAI DIVIDENDS.

Land Investment and Tug & Lighter Companies.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts are in receipt of a wire from their Shanghai Office, advising that the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., has declared a final dividend of Tls. 3 per share, and a bonus of Tls. 2, making Tls. 5 for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd., has declared a final dividend of Tls. 4.75, making Tls. 7.75 for the year. The profit amounts to Tls. 188,000.

YARN MARKET.

Canton Unrest Hampers Trade.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall report as follows under date of February 12:—

Since our last report on the 26th December, per str. Kashgar, our yarn market has not undergone any material change, owing to the continued political unrest in Canton and surrounding districts, which has greatly hampered entire trade.

A good demand from Yunnan Province has induced buyers to operate on a moderate scale, resulting in the total sales of about 5,000 bales of 10's and 12's counts, with an increase of \$4 to \$5 per bale, while other counts are entirely neglected.

The heavy fall in Rupee exchange has made the foreign holders very firm, who are holding out their stocks in the anticipation of a substantial rise after the Chinese New Year.

Owing to the very near approach of the Chinese New Year, which is on the 16th inst., business is almost suspended, but as the Chinese dealers have very small stock in their hands, a fairly large business is expected at the opening of the market in the commencement of the New Year. Unsold stock, 9,000 bales. Bargains in Chinese hands, about 7,000 bales.

Shanghai:—Local mills are reported to have done good business and large lots have changed hands, owing to the eagerness of Chinese buyers who are taking advantage of the present cheap rates.

Japanese Yarn:—The present rates here are so unfavourable to those ruling in Japan that large transactions have passed during the whole interval.

Raw Cotton:—Prices have remained very firm with small business passing at following rates:—400 bales Bengal at \$35 to \$38; Chinese (loose), bales 150 at \$30.53 per picul. Quotations:—Bengal \$35 to \$40 per picul; Chinese \$45 to \$52 per picul.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

This is a true story. It happened at an election meeting in a North London constituency in November. A most persistent heckler kept on pestering the candidate with the question: "Are you in favour of taking the nine bob tax off water?" The candidate could not understand, so, like a practised politician, evaded the issue. But the heckler stuck to his point about the "nine bob" tax on water. Ultimately, the candidate asked what was meant by "nine bob" on water. The heckler explained: "Well, a bottle of whisky costs three and sixpence, but they charge us twelve and six."

The largest donation ever made to Freemasonry has just been received by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales from Mr. Charles Kollings. The amount of the gift is £100,000, and the money has been applied to erection and endowment of a Masonic school for the fatherless sons of Australian and New Zealand Freemasons. Accommodation will be provided for one hundred resident scholars, who will be retained in the institution until they are sixteen years of age, when they will be placed in situations, but they will remain under Masonic guardianship until they are twenty-one years of age. One of the conditions of the gift is that the Union Jack must be unfurled every morning at 6 o'clock over the front of the main building and remain flying until sunset, and that the principles of true patriotism shall be inculcated in all things associated with the school. Another condition is that all boys must spend their twelfth and fourteenth birthdays in the school.

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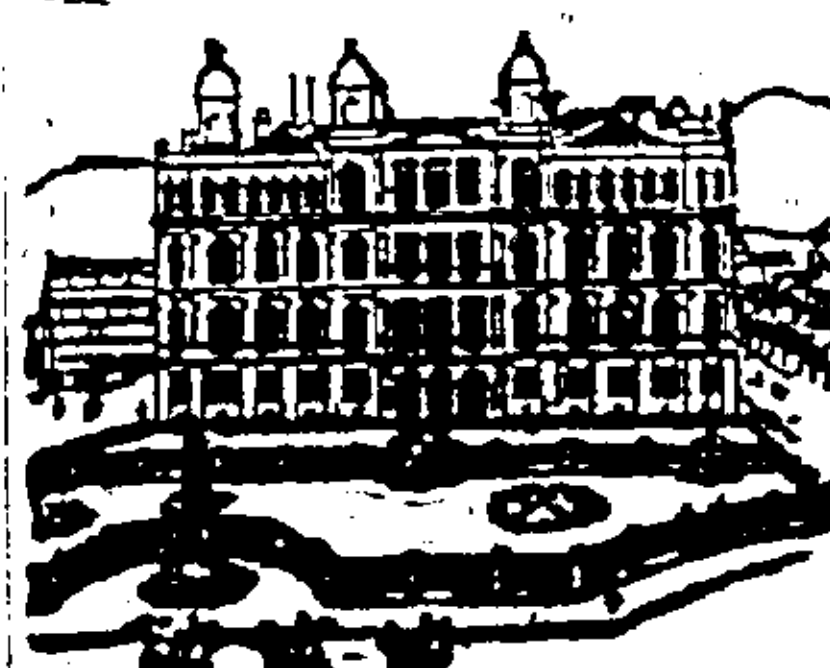
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Blue serge gown with short Eton jacket over a pointed blouse and skirt which opens over flared petticoat. The sleeves are of pointed edged with short circular ruffles of serge. The curious collar is finished with eravat in front.

PAINT BUTTERFLIES.

Children are always interested and amused to see the beautiful butterflies that can be made by folding a piece of paper over a few spots of different-colored paint. Three or four tubes of cheap water colours, a few sheets of paper, and a strong paper knife are all the materials required. A little paint should be squeezed from the tubes on to the inside crease of a doubled sheet of paper. The paper knife is then brought into play, and with two half-circular movements over the paper spreads the paint between, into the shape of wings. When the paper is opened a perfect butterfly will be seen, with four wings, body, and antennae complete. Very little skill is required, but after the first few attempts the blending of colours becomes less experimental, and reproductions of some of the familiar butterflies can be attempted. Children, however, are not critical naturalists, and usually prefer a profusion of brilliant colours any attempt to reproduce nature.

FASHION NOTES.

Printed silks and cotton continue in favour. New patterns, weaves and colourings are being shown daily. These are particularly liked for over-blouses and chemise frocks.

Upstanding ruffs of tulle or tulle are seen on many of the newest frocks. This softens the line about the back of the neck and is more flattering than the severe line.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

Girdle Cake.

Requires 1 lb. of flour, 3 Oz. of margarine, pinch of salt, half-teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, one level teaspoonful of cream of tartar, milk or sour milk.

Sieve the flour, salt, carbonate of soda, and cream of tartar together; rub in the margarine, and mix all to a light dough with milk or sour milk. The exact quantity of milk cannot be given, as some flours require more than others; but about half a pint is likely to be required. Turn on to a flour board, and knead very lightly. Roll out about half an inch thick, cut into rounds, and put on a hot greased girdle or frying pan. Cook over gentle heat until brown on one side; then turn and brown the other.

THE NEW GLASS.

Dessert services in coloured glass have been used for some time, but the new designs are fashioned after flowers. The plates resemble the petals, while the wine glasses, on tall and slender stems, are fashioned like half-open tulips and other flowers.

The effect of the beautiful glass service on polished table is very charming, and there is a large range of colours.

Fingerbowls are placed on delicate lace mats, which are dyed to match the colour of the glass.

STATIONERY A LA MODE.

So broad is the fashionable stationery of the moment that it is almost, but no quite, square, while the envelopes to take the large folded sheets are necessarily quite immense. My lady has plenty of room for some very "newsy" letters and as many P.S.'s as she likes on her new cream notepaper edged with a very narrow border of sage green, amber, biscuit, brown, or some other quiet and uncommon tint, this tone being repeated in the printing of the address, &c. Smooth-grained paper is considered in the best taste with straight cut edges.

Some envelopes are still lined with colours in tones several degrees deeper than the thrush's egg blue, salmon-pink, or lilac of the outer surface, and even more startling contrasts are occasionally to be seen on the writing table of the woman who prefers the "unused." Mottled crimson, with black-lined envelopes, is one novel departure.

The address in one's own handwriting is the most popular form—if it gives one's personal stationery a very individual touch. Most women also like their initials, or Christian name, introduced in one corner. A Chinese character-like hieroglyphic is a favourite variation for the monogram, or a combination of the letters of a short Christian or pet name.

BEAUTIFUL JEWELS.

Fine diamond chains ending with heavy pearl tassels are luxuries for the rich.

Diamond-rimmed glasses which dangle from a fine black ribbon are pretty fancies for those who only require occasional aid for the eyesight.

Earrings are becoming longer every day, and some wonderful designs in precious stones and enamels reach to the shoulders.

"FAT" UMBRELLAS.

Umbrellas are very fat and stumpy this season. The latest handles are tubular in shape, and are crowned with an original kind of knob that opens to reveal a nest of cigarettes. Others equally useful open in halves that are sufficiently large to contain a supply of sweets or a couple of coatings of face powder, accompanied by the necessary puff.

The latest umbrellas are made in all sorts of colours, although there is a preference for dark shades. There is, however, a movement in favour of bright colours, and even, when the umbrella is black or in some dark shade of tete de negre or raven blue, this is livened by a bright-coloured border.

The military strap that slips over the arm is a thing of the past. The best umbrellas are now provided with a thick silk cord loop that is run through a hole in the stick, the cord being weighted with a big cabochon of amber, cornelian, crystal jade, or turquoise.

Nightgowns and combination suits of coloured crepe de chine are effectively trimmed with bands of white crepe or with small geometrical figures, appliqued or hemstitched on in a border pattern.

GLOVES TO MATCH THE VANITY BAG.

The three and four button gloves have returned to fashion. These are in kid or suede, and the favourite shades are tan, fawn or black for day wear, with white or black for evening wear. Self-stitchings are used a great deal, or else stitchings in a darker tone than that of the gloves.

A novelty that is catching on is the gauntlet glove, made to match the shade of the dress with which it is to be worn, and embroidered in the same stitch and with the same design as those which figure on the dress. Another popular form is the turned-back gauntlet glove lined with silk trimmed with raised embroidery.

There are other gloves that are trimmed with resource work to match that on the handbag, but these have not yet gone beyond the stage of being a new fad, which might or might not become general.

VOGUE OF METAL CLOTH.



This year, metal cloths, silver and gold, outshine everything else. With such gowns go slippers, stockings and hair bandages to match. Other gowns are trimmed with metal cloth or lace. Velvets, tulle and clinging crepes are seen, too, usually brilliantly trimmed with crystal, jet, rhinestone, silver or gold ornaments.

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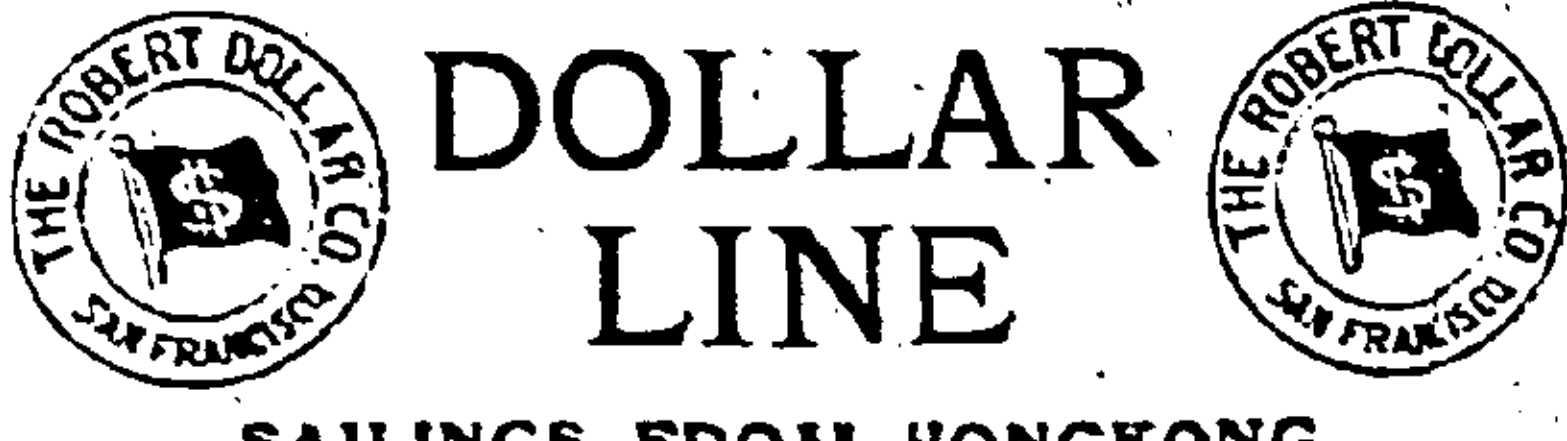
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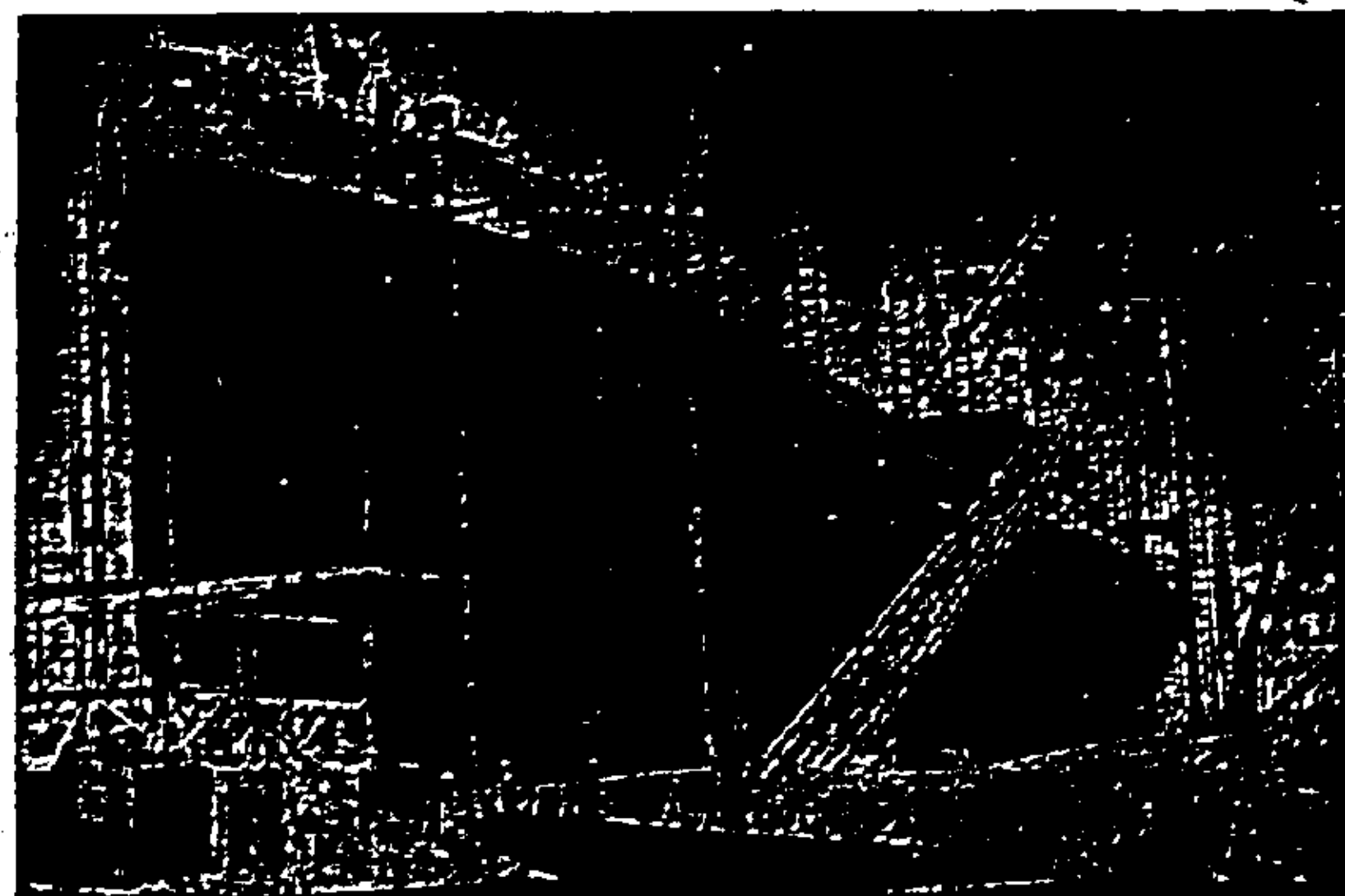
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A CULT OF YESTERDAY.

The "Police Gazette's" Passing.

The kind of journalism represented by Richard K. Fox, owner of the *Police Gazette*, who died recently, died a good many years before he did, says the *New York Nation*. His publication is still to be found in barber-shops here and there (it used to be as essential as bay rum), but its rivals of a generation ago are mostly extinct, and its own fame is only a memory. Have its functions passed elsewhere, or has the changing public taste outgrown it? Both. The illustrated news of sport and the stage—especially of pugilists and of burlesque queens—which used to be sought in the *Police Gazette* is now printed by the pound in the daily newspapers. But publications like that of Mr. Fox had another appeal. Because of their pictures and stories of sensational and spicy episodes these journals had an admiring clientele of callow masculinity from the age of ten to sixty.

In the heyday of the *Police Gazette* women obscured even their ankles, "nice people" did not go to theatrical performances in which the female figure was clothed in tights, and one spoke of a woman's limbs, not her legs. To-day, when women are permitted not only to have legs but to display them in knickerbockers, when one may take even his country aunt to a stage production that is mostly a billow of lingerie, there is no lure in a magazine merely because it shows women in tights or reveals the curve of a calf. The callow males who once hung about the Flatiron Building on a windy day are no longer excited by the revelation of an ankle, and the eclipse of publications like the *Police Gazette* is really a sign of progress in common sense.

GENERAL NEWS.

TO PREVENT GAMBLING.

There was a lively discussion at a recent meeting of the Preston Town Council on a recommendation by the Free Library Committee to black out the racing news in newspapers for one month as an experiment. An amendment to refer the matter back to the Committee was made by the Labour party. Only nine votes were cast for the amendment, and the Committee's proposal was adopted.

FASCISMO IN SPAIN.

The Fascista General Conrado Novelli, who lately delivered a lecture at Barcelona on Fascista methods, in an interview given to the correspondent of the Madrid newspaper *El Debate* declared:—"It seems to me that Spain is well prepared for Fascismo, and I might almost say that within a year political events may happen here similar to those in Italy. I have received many invitations to give lectures in Madrid and elsewhere in Spain. I must say, however, that Fascismo has in no way resolved to undertake international propaganda."

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Manila to Formosa.

The Manila Daily Bulletin of

February 7th states:

The "Mona," 320 H.P. Curtiss seaplane, is scheduled to "sail" from Manila for Formosa on Saturday morning (February 10th) the first aerial "vessel" putting out from the Philippines for a foreign port.

William C. Younger, owner and pilot, has sold the machine to a Japanese company with the proviso that it be delivered "on the wing."

If weather conditions are favorable Younger proposes to hop off from Pasay at dawn Saturday, making his base at Linkayen and the next at Aparri.

From Aparri the seaplane will commence with 120 gallons of gasoline in the tank and the stout-hearted pilot the only other freight. A stop is planned at one of the Babuyan islands, if flying conditions warrant, but Younger will have fuel enough to carry him straight through to Formosa and may decide on this course.

The total length of the voyage is more than 800 miles but flying at an average speed of nearly 100 miles an hour Younger figures not to be in the air more than nine hours at most.

The "Mona" is fitted, as are all seaplanes, with a compass and all necessary navigating instruments.

Before leaving Aparri on the overseas flight all weather reports obtainable will be secured as a storm might prove very serious.

Younger is an old timer in the Philippines having come over here with the 16th. United States Infantry in 1899. He left the islands in 1912 and went through the Curtiss Aeronautical school at North Island, San Diego Bay, California. During the war he was instructor in aeronautics and since then has taken up commercial flying, operating two machines in Manila.

Before leaving Manila the "Mona" must secure customs clearance papers the same as any other sea-going ship.

Younger plans to return to Manila by liner after reporting his arrival in Formosa by cable.

INTERPORT "RUGGER"

The news will be received with satisfaction in Rugby football circles that the Shanghai Rugby Football Club has decided to send an interport team to Hankow for a match during the China New Year holidays, says the N.C.D.N. Hankow originally intended sending a side to play Shanghai, but ultimately found that this would be impossible, and in making this announcement expressed a desire to entertain a Shanghai team if it were possible to send one. At first it seemed doubtful whether the club could go to the expense of this, but it has now been decided that it can be carried through. The players will leave for Hankow on Thursday, February 15, and the interport match will take place on Monday of the holidays.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Feb 14d. 11h. 59m.—Pressure

has increased considerably over N.E. Japan and over the lower Yangtze Valley, and moderately to slightly in other districts.

A depression is still shown over Tongking. The Eastern Sea depression has filled up.

Another anticyclone appears to be forming over N. China.

The monsoon will freshen along the E. and S.E. coast of China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 100 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.13 inches, against an average of 2.24 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh;
South coast of China	S.E. to N.E. winds, moderate;
H.K. & Lamooka	moderate;
Hongkong	generally overcast, some rain.
Gap Rock	overcast, some rain.
South coast of China	between H.K. & Hainan.

I. F. CLAXTON, Director.

H.K. Observatory, Feb. 14, 1923.

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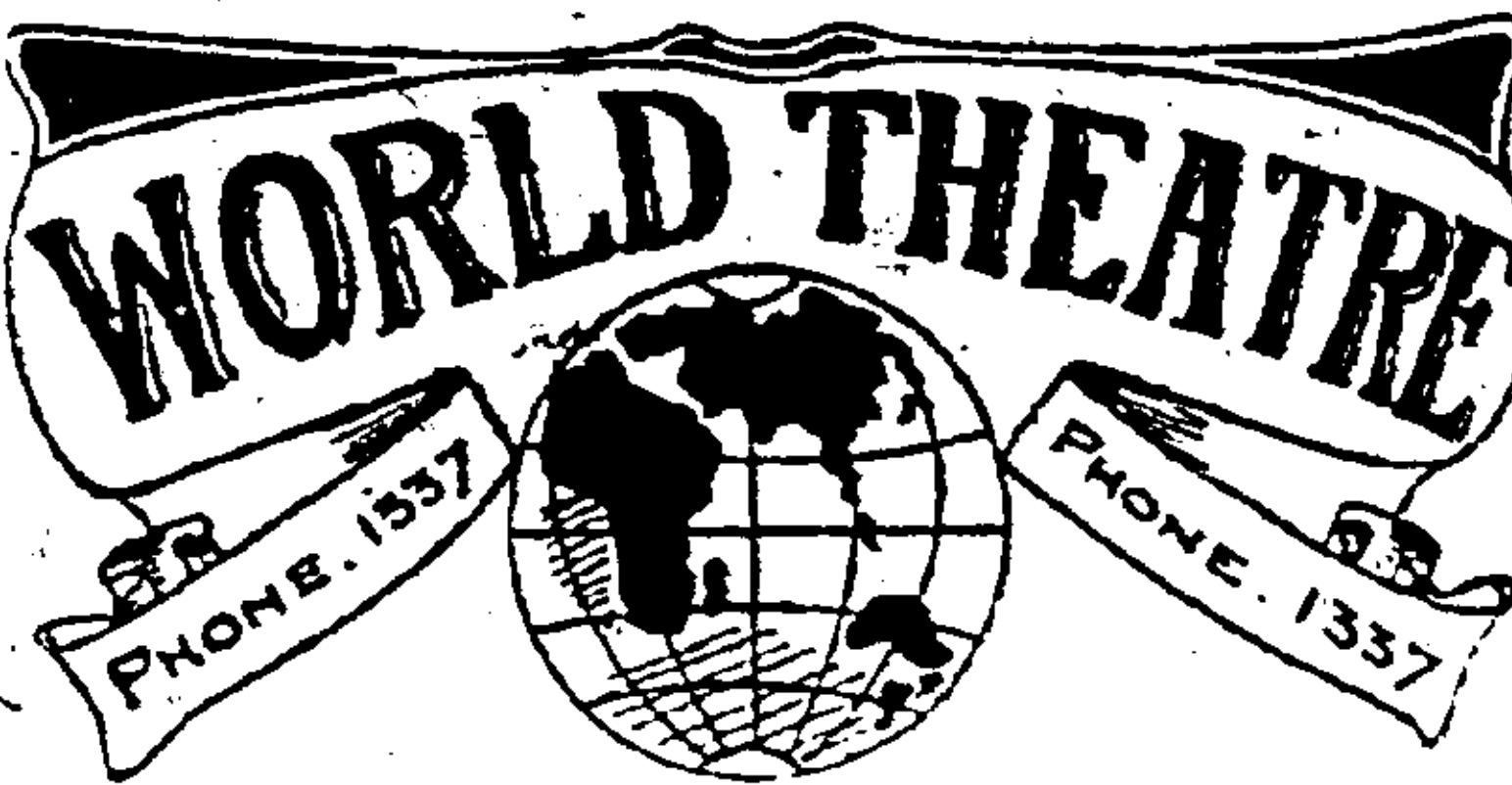
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